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>> Mayor Adler: All right, I think we have a quorum here. But before we start the meeting today, we have a couple things in front of . Is the it's time Texas folks here? In just a really important way Austin has won yet again. So before we begin the meeting.

>> Good morning, Mr. Mayor. Mic check. Great to see you again. I'm mark howerland, I'm an austinite about five years ago here for HEB, been with HEB for 22 years, and I'm the district manager of most of the stores in the west Austin area. Soeifulop those HEB are the only stores that you shop. We're hayppo be here and serve inhe T community. What we want to do today is give a specialnkha you for E cothunity challenge, which is through the it's time Texas. It's a competition that really inspires -- we're up to tens of thousands of Texans every year to make healthy choices and lead health year lives. I want to thank mayor Adler and the city councilmembers this morning for championing this initiative here in Austin where it's time Texas started as an official organization five years ago and with this healthy competition across the state. And I'm proud to announce Austin once again led the state in minutes earned with 32,000 minutes of healthy activiver O eight-week ti period in January through March. Just a little operator retail grocery store math, that's 533 hours, which is about 25 straight days of physical activity in an eight-week period.

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So congratulations to the city as well as it's time Texas, we thank you very much for that. Perhaps the most important ure for us at HEB as well as the stories that we hear every day is the measure of success that comesrom just each individual and the lives that have been changed as a result of just sparking a snapshot of healthy activity and how that leads to weight loss, healthier lifestyle and an ovell just happier life. HEB prioritizes a healthy lifestyle for our employees ternally. We do free health screenings, cancer support and health insurance been fit and a whole lot more we offer for our partners. Being here

in Texas for over 115 years now, personally for me it's the only job I've ever had at HEB. I started at 16 as a bagger in the east Houston area. HEB has given more to me than I'll ever give to HEB. We're proud to be a part of that. Now as over 100,000 partners, we feel we have a higher responsibility to health and wellness. So we want to thank you that and we're very proud, mayor, to sponsor and partner with you on this challenge. So now I'm going to turn it over to Miss Amy from it's time Texas. >> Thank you, Mark. Thank you, Mayor Adler. Just to follow up on Mark's remarks, every year we host the community challenge, which is a statewide competition. In 2019 we had almost 360 communities across the state participate and compete to demonstrate the commitment to health across Texas. And this year for the third year in a row I am proud to say that Austin won in the metro category with very fierce competition from San Antonio and Houston. So Austinites throughout the entire challenge uploaded healthy selfies, got their friends, their neighbors out being active, ate healthy foods, and we're really thankful for the teachers in our community, the school administrators, employers who support this challenge and all others involved.

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So thank you so much to the Austin community, to the city council, to Mayor Adler for your support. Congratulations Austin.

[Applause]

[Taking photographs]

>> Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: I want to thank HEB for everything it does in the community. Proud to have really reflected the city's value, cultural value for health. Used to be that San Antonio got number one in the award. That changed when I did not only a one-handed pushup but a no-handed pushup. You can find that on YouTube somewhere. But thanks for that and thanks for everyone that participated in that. I just want to announce something else, that in the lobby of city hall that you all need to take a look at while you're here are an exhibit, art exhibit called portraits of affection.

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This is artwork that's in the city hall atrium. This is special youth artwork that's been exhibited. This is artwork that was submitted by the children of Austin police officers. And it was displayed at the 2018 stars of distinction awards gala, but it was such beautiful art and an art of a particular kind that we wanted to be able to recognize. Chief Manley, do you want to come down and say something about this?

>> Good morning, mayor, council, manager. Thank you very much for giving me a quick moment to recognize what you just addressed. We are very proud to have this artwork on display here in city hall. This was something that came forward as a vision last year as we were planning for our annual awards banquet where we were recognizing the officers' accomplishments and wanting it to be a family event and to recognize the families as well because law enforcement really is a family calling. So putting together this art competition was something that we were proud to do and we saw submissions from children that were in the elementary grades all the way through an exhibit from one of our officer's children who I met in college. This is something that we will continue to do in future banquets and this artwork when it finishes its residency here at city hall, we're going to move it to all of our substations and again recognize the families in this way and ultimately we'll have them on permanent display once they are done. Thank you for allowing us to have it on display at city council and for recognizing it this morning. I appreciate it. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Our thanks to the kids is two-fold. First for the artwork but thank you for the gift of your parents to help keep our city safe.

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So thank you. Before we get to the agenda, I just want to note that Dr. Kim has given to the city some beautiful flowers here this morning to help recognize, he said, that Austin was again ranked number one among the cities and all over the United States. Dr. Kim, thank you very much for the gift. Not a time to be able to speak, but thank you for the gift.

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>> Mayor Adler: And appreciate you and - right. And thank you. So now we're going to move to the --

>> [No microphone on]

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. He's back there. Great. He would need it. Let's move to the invocation. Who if everyone could please rise, Deaconhuc Phan will give us the invocation this morning. Sir.

>> Thank you, Mayor Adler. Good morning, everyone. Lord, God, heavenly father, we humbly invoke your blessing over the city, Austin city council and each of its members. We thank you for their families, their staff and those who collaborate with them so that your work may be accomplished. May they dedicate themselves to bringing about a just society, call to serve the people. Lord, guide these council members in your wisdom, comfort them with your mercy, protect them with your power and help them to seek justice as they deliberate serious and important issues. Make them an instrument of our peace.

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May they not so much seek to be understood as to understand, and may they seek the common good for all Austinites. Especially for the weak, the vulnerable, and the poor. God bless all of you and God bless the city of Austin. In Jesus Christ's name pray, amen.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. And with that, today is April 11, 2019. We are in the city hall chambers here at 301 West Second. The time is 10:18. Colleagues, I'm going to read the changes and corrections into the record. Item number 2, on April 10, 2019, this was recommended by the water and wastewater commission on a 9-0 vote with commissioner Schmidt absent. Item 4, April 9, 2019, it was recommended by the airport advisory commission on a 10-0 vote with commissioner Hendricks absent. Item number 6, it's to approve an ordinance adopting the final project and financing plan for homestead preservation reinvestment zone number 1. That's item number 6. Item number 20, councilmember Kitchen has been added as a sponsor. Item number 27, councilmember Tovo has been added as sponsor. On item number 35, it should be noted that the petition filed in opposition to this rezoning request is no longer valid. And item 43 and 45, a valid petition has been filed in opposition to that zoning question we only have one item that's been pulled today, and that is item number 6, which will be heard after item number 30.

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We're also pulling item number 27 to a time certain at 4:00. We have one or two supporters on that that - speakers on that that will be speaking at 4:00. And item number 6 has to be heard after item number 30. So what I'm showing right now is the pulled items on the consent agenda, which, by the way, goes from 1-28 and also 48, the pulled items being 5, 6 and 27. And then it should be noted that there is late backup filed in items 6, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 43, 46, and 47. I'm sorry?

>> Can you -- [no microphone on]

>> Mayor Adler: The late backup. It's also been handed out the second page of changes and corrections. The late backups filed in 6, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 43, 46, 47. We have one speaker who has signed up to speak on the consent agenda. Before we get to that, are there any other pulled items beyond items 56 and 27? >> Renteria: Mayor?

>> Mayor Adler: Yes. Mr. Renteria.

>> Renteria: I would like to be on record saying that I'm supporting -- I want to be part of the sponsors on item 26.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Item number 26. Mr. Renteria wanted to be noted as sponsor.

>> Alter: Item 24 is fee waivers for the Texas peace officers memorial, and I noted there's another \$479 that are needed and I would like to contribute \$200 for that and just note for my colleagues that leaves \$279.04 if anyone else wants to contribute.

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>> Mayor Adler: Mr. Flannigan.

>> Flannigan: Add 200 from me for item 24.

>> Mayor Adler: Those are both noted. And Mr. Renteria is covering the balance. All right. Anything else to pull before we go to speakers? Mayor pro tem.

>> Tovo: I.

>> Kitchen: I wanted to make comments on 48. If it's just me commenting I can see it stay on consent, but my assumption would be others would like to as well. It's up to you.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's pull that. We'll call that up first after we take a vote.

>> Garza okay.

>> Mayor Adler: We have someone to speak on the consent. Mr. Peña, is Gus Peña here?

>> What number, mayor?

>> Mayor Adler: 7,, 20 and 26.

>> 7, 8, 20, what was the last one?

>> Mayor Adler: 26.

>> Okay. Good morning. Gus Peña, native east Austinite. Mayor, I have been going to the capitol on a lot of these issues, housing and a lot other things also, but veterans for progress, I'm going to start with item number 7, and it's regarding neighborhood housing community development for four positions to be added. You know, I used to work for the city of Austin, I worked for the state, county and federal governments. I do understand there's a big need for more employees, but I feel already that the city of Austin is already burdened with many employees. I just want to make sure that these employees are going to be used effectively and adequately and for the best interest of the public. That's all I have to say on number 7. I support it. And let me see. And the next one I believe is number 8.

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Am I correct?

>> Mayor Adler: Yes.

>> Number 8 has to do with service agreement with Austin housing finance corporation. We've hardly support the \$16 million rental housing development assistance. That is very vague. It's not too much backup for this item, and, you know, I'm a former IRS investigator. I can tell you I did a lot of addition, subtraction, but there's not sufficient backup to educate the public. In the future, please make it more sufficient for the people that need to know what is -- what entails with this item agenda number 8. And the last one I have is you said item number 26. Am I correct? >> Mayor Adler: 20 and 26.

>> Okay, on number 26, we heartily support this, army shelters. I remember the salvation Army was in east Austin, east avenue back in the 50s and 60s they helped not only with clothes and food but housing. We grew up on east 25th street as much as we can help out the Salvation Army. They have done a great job for the people that need help. That's all I have to say, but I wanted to let you know, Mr. Mayor, I've been at the capitol also on all these items on the agenda. I already lost 26 more pounds pounding the pavement for the interest of E people of the city of Austin. We need y'all's help. I'm going to say it, a lot of people are against the city of Austin. I tell them we have -- you might be shocked, mayor, but I say we have a darn good city council compared to others in the city of Austin, and smile, at least you can smile. The issue is this, I heartily respect you all and councilmember harper-madison, I'm glad you are on council. We need help for the community, for the homeless people.

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[Buzzer sounding] I'll wrap up, mayor. More than 75 veterans that are homeless, okay? I'll leave it at that. That was a bad count. Thank you.

>> Mayor adler: nk yha. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda? Mayor pro tem makes a motion is there a second? Councilmember Renteria. The pulled items are, again, 5, 6, 27, 48. Any moments before we take a vote? Mr. Flannigan.

>> Flannigan: I would like to be showed vogue N on 9. On 26, I would like be marked as abstaining. I hope when this item comes back from the manager, we see how this new expense to operations fits into the larger to address homelessness. I'm also hopeful we can get so confirmation that the size and scale of the center is what we would have planned for and what we would have done had we been involved at the planning stage and not just after the capital campaign had concluded. I'm also hopeful to see there are other organizations doing good work like the Trinity center, but for lack of operating resources may be able to help a lot more folks. I want to see how the case management stem which is included in this, ensure it's going to be integrated into existing case management systems that we already have at the Austin community court so we're not, sir -- silo bases in the city. I'm also hopeful we will see more clearly what kind of oversight the city is going to have when we partner with an organization that has a troubling record with the LGBT community finally to the salvation Army, because this is an operating and maintenance expense and not part of our voter approved debt, I'm really hopeful that the Salvation Army is contacting their donors and letting them know what the it of current deliberations in the legislature will do to our ability to continue to fund and support these types of public-private partnerships that I believe are very necessary to solve the challenges that we all share, that we all want to solve ourselves.

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And given everything that my colleagues have said about your work, I'm really hopeful. You clearly have a lot of support in the community and I hope we can answer all these other questions too.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Further comments on the consent agenda? By the way, the consent agenda on item number 19, Anna McGuire has been nominated to the small area planning joint committee by the zoning and platting committee. And that should be incorporated on to the commission nominations. Further comment on the consent agenda? Yes, councilmember Pool.

>> Pool: Mayor, thanks. I just wanted to read into the record a little background on item 21, which is the renaming of a portion of Parmer lane as Jonathan J. Dunbar park way and thank councilmembers Sarsar, Flannigan and Harper-Madison who signed on. I'm happy to see this is on consent and I think that -- sergeant Dunbar's family would appreciate that as well. The background is that senator Watson and representative Hinojosa have filed bills, senate bill 1134, house bill 2506, to rename a portion of Parmer lane to honor U.S. Army master sergeant Dunbar. He was killed in Syria last year by a IED. Which is improvised explosive device. Sergeant Dunbar grew up in north Austin and he graduated in 1999 from Connally high school. So thank you for your service, sergeant Dunbar, and our tribute to his family. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Thank you for the comments. Yes, councilmember Tovo.

Tovo: Just briefly, we had an opportunity to talk about the Salvation Army yesterday and -- and we had a brief press conference this morning so don't need to add too much to it. I just wanted to recognize that in our audience are Dick and Sara Rathgaber who made the family shelter possible along with other donations that the Salvation Army has received for THA and I also would like to recognize Kathy Ridings, director of social services for the Salvation Army as well as major Andrew Kelly.

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We appreciate -- who is the area commander for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has been a good partner on -- with the other -- with the women and children -- in running the women and children shelter immediately adjacent to the one described in this resolution, and I very much hope that our city manager will be able to identify some funds that can be used in this manner. This is going to, as several of you so eloquently described this morning, this will enable the families and children who are currently in our downtown shelter to move to a campus that is really much better designed for families. They will have an outdoor play area, they have an outdoor play area for children. They are out of the downtown area, which, as many of us know, really presents some challenges in that area. And we appreciate and, again, I look forward to the possibility, city manager, that you can identify some funds that are flexible enough as we continue to look for ways to provide emergency shelter for individuals in our community who are sleeping in the alleys and the storefronts and under our overpasses and in the creeks throughout our city. This is a very, very hopeful possibility of being able to provide shelter to more individuals both in our downtown as well as at your new facility.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Yes, councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: On the same item, appreciate councilmember Tovo bringing this item forward and I think it is important for us to ask, you know, make sure our dollars are going to the best uses, as councilmember Flannigan noted, but I think the fact this facility has been built and so much private investment has gone

into it that I see it as a really strong contender -- obviously already doing a lot of food, but could be doing even more.

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I think, you know, I was reflecting on this item when we were named again as the best place in Arica to live here this the last week, but the question is for me, of course, for high-income people, there's a lot of places that are pretty easy to live or can be great places to live, and I think the reputation of the City and what it is that we want is to make this a great place for people to live who -- who struggle or who otherwise wouldn't have a great place to live. And families and children who are experiencing homelessness, I want this to be the best city in America for them to live in. And so I appreciate all of the private work that is going into this and the continued public work that I know this council is unanimously dedicated to. So I appreciate this item moving forward and look forward in this year's budget regardless of what the legislature chooses to do for us to continue to advance our goals of making this a safer and better place for those experiencing homelessness and all the low-income people in the city

>> Mayor Adler: I'll touch on a lot of what we want to say on this when we talk about what's happening at the council today. But I want to moment to pass and councilmember to thank you the rathgabers, you have done not only this project but many other in the city. Thank you on behalf of the community. Further comments? Councilmember Kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I just want to thank everyone involved for bringing this item forward. I think it's really important. I hear what councilmember Flannigan is saying about wanting to connect the dots, which I think is really important and I'm looking forward to our homeless strategy officer helping us do that. I have no -- no concerns about this being needed. I know it rises to the top. But it is important for us to have an overarching strategy and implementation plan for the various -- for the many things that we're doing around homelessness which are not sufficient at this point in time.

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But it will be good when we get to the point where we can see the action plan that we have because we do have an action plan that the community worked hard on. But to see the action plan that we have actually put into the form of an implementation work plan so we can see how we're actually getting those recommendations done. So ...

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Further comments? Councilmember Flannigan.

>> Flannigan: I want to make sure we're maximizing every tax dollar that we end and I'll be interested to hear as the manager and staff does their work, you know, how should we work with organizations that are intending to be privately funded and then later come to the City for closing the gap and what does that mean in terms of our involvement and should we be planning in advance for these things. And may be

misinterpret how this went down, but none of that information is in this original resolution so looking forward to seeing that come back.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. And the manager said he would approach those questions raised on the dais. Councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: I appreciate that last question because it gives me an opportunity to explain how this came about. In a conversation talking about how the new center might -- might impact the downtown shelter that the Salvation Army currently -- currently operates, that's when -- that's when I discovered that the Salvation Army Rathgeber center was only scheduled as its opening at 50% capacity because they hadn't yet raised the funds. So it was my initiative to bring this forward. I think that's -- I think that's a fair characterization of how this resolution got on there. Not that the Salvation Army approached us with that funding, but in the course of that conversation it was clear they had a funding gap in their operations and maintenance, and given -- given that we've passed councilmember Kitchen's resolution and an earlier one for me, it seemed a very good a very cost efficient way to extend emergency shelter in our community potentially.

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So I appreciate the opportunity to clarify that.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. I would also point out as we're passing this item number 19, which was the boards and commission, the special events task force I think still has six vacancies on it. There's been a request for me to mention to colleagues we should all check and see if -- if we can help them meet the special events task force. Any further comments before we vote on the cotns agenda? Councilmember Kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I just wanted to ask a question. My understanding on the special events task force is we just needed to send the name to the staff with regard to that. Right?

Okay.>> M or Adler: Manager says yes. Councilmember Pool.

>> Pool: And mayor, thanks and thanks to staff for highlighting that so that it would be noticed. We used to get notifications from the city clerk's office when our appointees were absent or lose to the three, absces limit, and also when people put in resignation letters. I think it would be really helpful if we could double down on that so we know like with the bond oversight committee that councilmember Alter mentioned on Tuesday, and then this particular instance, if we could get those notices, then we hopefully will be able to be a little more nimble.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Those are all the comments we have. Let's take aote on the consent agenda. The pulled items 5, 6, 27, 48. Thos in for? Unanimous on the dais. Number 48 first. Mayor pro Teo Yo D want to speak?

>> Garza: Today the Texas house of representatives is planning on voting a bill that would hamstring our ability to function as a city imposing a 2.5 revenue cap on local government tying our hands --

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>> Mayor Adler: Excuse me. Can anyone please wait until you are outside to speak, to talk so that we can hear what's happening at the dais.

>> Flannigan: If I could add, don't leave. This is really important and all the stuff we voted on that you guys wanted that you are walking out the door for will not be possible, none of it will be possible if we can't hear what the mayor pro tem is about to say.

>> Mayor Adler: I appreciate you all staying to listen to this too. Go ahead, mayor pro tem.

>> Garza: Thank you. This bill imposes a 2.5% revenue cap keeping us from providing even the basic services that we provide now let alone adopt to how rapidly our city is growing. By basic services I'm not talking about any new expensive programs, I'm talking about public safety, parks, libraries, road maintenance, health services and everything that a city has to provide for the residents who elected us to serve them. I absolutely believe that Texas is stronger than Texas cities are strong. And with the help of my colleagues, and we've all been talking about this for the past several months, but, you know, because of quorum, I was only able to ask four colleagues to join me when I introduced this resolution so we can discuss the damage these bills would do to our city and residents. The governor and authors claim they are intervening to save taxpayer money. What they don't tell you is these bills might save the average homeowner in Austin enough to buy a cup of coffee every month. The average homeowner would only save a few dollars every month. In return, Austin homeowners will be sacrificing their quality of life. Austin would face unprecedented budget deficits and we have cuts to every service Austinites care about would put them on the chopping block. We would face budget deficits the size of over half our parks budget, the equivalent of sales of 500 police officers and 600 firefighters.

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This resolution gives us the opportunity to inform our residents that these bills will put Austin and every other city in Texas on the brink of a crisis. Similar bills at 4% and 6% have been filed in past legislative sessions and failed because even at 4, 6, a limitation by the state on how we operate as a city will be disastrous. But this 2.5% proposal seems like it may pass and we have to raise our voices about the danger it poses. You know, and I want to point out, I know public safety is often called out in these discussions because they are 70% of our budget, but there are also things that the city provides its employees like benefits for children with autism, like helping our city employees pay for child care. These are all things that we are at risk of losing with this bill that will be discussed today. And I thought about saying the same thing before people were about to leave, we as the city are the best ambassadors and people who can inform everyone. When you hear people talking about high property taxes, it's so important that each one of us explains that it is 20% of that bill goes to the city. And how reducing that is not going to be relief on your property taxes. Our state leaders need to address this through school finance.

>> Mayor Adler: Is there anybody else that wants to comment on this item number 48? Mr. Flannigan.

>> Flannigan: We've said a lot and there's a lot to be said about what this proposal might do to the city. I want to add we have a lot of voter approved projects in this city. The voter approval process that we've been given does not allow USO pre-approve the operating costs for those assets. So a lot of the spending that we do is voter approved. The legislature might say oh, it's not a cap, your citizens could vote to do it but they have, time and time again, most recently with 70, 80% of the community.

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There's also a level of partnership with the state that I think we could be improving on. If we really wanted to do property tax reform, then much the way the legislature took a step back and said, you know what, we need to really think through this before come back with a proposal which they did, we could sit down as we tried over a short time frame during session, we could sit down and show how we have to hire for officers to account for the fact that is not doing all the enforcement actions it could be doing. We have to hire more officers because there are state laws that require officers to transport certain types of patients between hospitals. We have to hire more officers because the state hasn't fully addressed its role in health care and mental health. For all of those reasons, those issues that the state can claim they've done half a job on, you know, at the city level we can't get away with doing half a job. I like to say at the city level there's no excuses and no escape. If the city doesn't do job, I see my constituents at the HEB. I don't know that's true for a lot of folks in the legislature. That's why it's so critical that we remember why in the original writing of the Texas constitution we created home rule cities. We have a role to do, we have a job to do, we are the level of government of last resort to solve the problems even when the state finds it challenging to do so. And I really hope that the legislatures that are debating this today can find a way to address these concerns for their constituents, for our shared constituents, but also come back to the table as we were willing to come to the table with them and find ways to reform how we tax on our community.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Kitchen, then councilmember Rentner.

>> Kitchen: Thank you. I would echo what my colleagues have said. And I want to thank everyone, especially Mayor Adler for the work he's been doing representing the city and trying to work with the legislature to move -- to actually reflect what's going on at a city level.

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So thank you. I just want to point to -- I would speak to one aspect of this and that is the assertion by the legislature that this is all about approximate relief. That's -- property tax relief. That's not what this is about. If the legislature wanted to help us with property tax relief and help us help those folks in our community who need help with property taxes, they would give us the tools to do that. We don't have the tools that we need to target our relief to those who need help. We have blunt tools with regard to tax

eons. We have asked. We meaning the community and the public and other cities have asked for additional flexibility on things like nior exemptions and homestead exemptions and have not been allowed that flexibility at the legislature. And so I would suggest -- and that's not even getting to school tax relief. I'm just talking about the tools that we have the city level. So I would just sugge and also I'm sure the mayor may speak to this, but the -- the revenue cap that's being proposed would not even allow us totinuon with the senior exemptions that we have done every year. So I would just challe the legislature to sit down and work with the CITS as we have tried to do and actually come up with something that will really be helpful to people in our community with affordability and with what they are facing with rising taxes.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember renteria.real appreciate my colleagues for this resolution. You know, and I would be committee vender, especiayll for -- very concerned, especially people in east Austin that live where a potential wildfire could happen, and we're not going E able to build the fire stations out there because of this cut.

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You know, so I'm just -- just advising people that live out there that they better contact their state legislator and tell them, hey, we need -- I mean, if you cap this, you know, 'S -- there's af O things -- there's a lot of need out there all the way around. And, you know, your insurance policies are going to be high because we're not going to be able to provide the protectionhat tople over there deserve. So I just want to just put that out as a warning.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember ell. To note we just went to the polls and elected to have 925 million of bond dollars to be useful in the projects that we're trying to do in this community, and this will tie our hands and our abilitto do something that the voters asked us to do. And we also have multi-year contracts that already have pay ireases built into them that we wouldn't be able to then meet the demand of the work that we're doing. So it just doesn't seem T me like cutting something this deeply is really grounded in fact. So I hope that we are all unicating with our legiors at how concerned we are about this.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember alter. Did you want to speak?

>> Alter: Yes. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Renteria for bringing up the fire safety. This will restrain our ability to prode public safety. I want to labo ete on a point that councilmember tovo brought up with the school finance. If we really wanted to deliver property tax reform, we would fund our public schools at a 50% share. That is the single most important thing would do if we wanted to deliver property tax relief.

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And if you actually interrogated the numbers, you would see that that is the case. That the growth in our property taxes, particularly here in Austin, but for every district whether or not they are recapture, it's

because the state is not living up to its responsibility, its constitutional responsibility to provide a public school education. We rank 43rd in school finance funding per pupil. To get up to 25 where west Virginia, we would have to put in 2.2 billion a year, 4.4 billion over the biennium. While I'm pleased we are putting 9 billion in, this year we need to recognize these aren't just numbers a just as we talked about with public safety, these are our future, our children, and we need to understand that you can accomplish both an investment in our children and property tax reform if you focus on school finance reform. Capping the city is not the way to get property tax reform that's going to matter to anybody.

>> Mayor Adler: Anyone else on the dais? I'll include the remarks. Obviously we're all waiting to see what happens today at the legislature. You know, I talked about this at length a couple weeks ago. I think it just bears repeating that if the 2.5 cap as proposed by the governor, lieutenant governor and the speaker passes, our city keeping its existing budget, no new programs, no new people, no new anything other than what's inherent in that budget, in three years we're \$51.7 million upside down. Which means we're going to have to immediately start trying to cut things that are in our testing and current budget. In order to be able to make up that gap. That means that there are new programs that we would like to do that Wille put in danger. We just had a pilot for homelessness that was directed at children and took half of the homelessness children in our city off the streets.

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A pilotgram. We've taken 635 veterans off our streets in a pilot homelessness project and now it's time for us to scale that in our city, that would be a project and that would put that kind of thing in jeopardy. What is a \$51.7 million gap mean?

-- Gap? We've all heard the numbers, 612 firefighters and 549 police officers, it's the entire EMS budget. We see those things, but I think when people hear them they don't think that's really because they know that we're not going to let go firefighters or police officers. And that's true. I don't think we will. But -- but I think it is important to understand exactly what -- how do -- what does a council actually consider to make that up. 70% of our budget public safety right now. If we were to be cut equally and 70% of the \$51.7 million would have to be cut from public safety. The other will probably be colleagues on the council that will say disproportionately health and human services and those cuts shouldn't be equal across budget that way. And we'll have that debate and that discussion. But just thinking for a second that we maintain 70%ish of the cuts that we are going to have to make directed toward public safety, that's like \$36 million in public safety cuts. How do we do that? I don't know how we -- how this council will actually do that or if it will have to do that, but I do know that one of the things that we've been talking about in the city is adding additional police officers above the number that the manager indicated he was going to add and the discussions we did when we had the contract. The manager said he was going to add 30 more police officers a year in the out front years.

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That was going to be in his budget proposal. Those are new people and new programs. That costs our city \$13 million this this period of time. That's 120 fewer officers in three years when we would be seeing this \$51.7 million gap. I could imagine that that's the kind of thing that gets considered not only not adding the new police officers for the community policing work that a lot of us want to do, but how can we add -- where does that \$13 million come from? When we're trying to cut 1.7 million out of the budget. We spend almost \$14 million a year on economic incentive agreements. These are commitments we made to companies in our city to do things for us. Whenever there's been a conversation about looking at those, I have fought against that on this council. Majority of us have because it's not fair to change the rules in the middle of the game. We have to be known to abide by our agreements. But I anticipate that I'm going to hear some voices from the community and the saying the rules have changed, but it was the governor that change rules and the lieutenant governor that changed the rules and the speaker that changed the rules. We're going to be having that conversation. These things are not made. @These are the real conversations that we're going to have to have in this city because of this self-imposed harm that the legislature is considering. We have five new fire stations that we have planned to open because we have need, we have response times in our city that are too low. We have people paying more in insurance costs in our city right now because we can't get fire trucks to their house quickly enough.

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So for the community we committed ourselves to open five more fire stations. The staffing for those five more fire stations, \$13,749,000. When we're trying to cut \$36 million out of public safety, if that's what we try to do, those are the kinds of things that are real that we look at. We've given money to aid for after-school specialists and teachers. That -- these are the real things that we will be discussing. And to have a city that is doing so well, as Texas cities are generally, to be ranked number one yet again three years in a row, people -- people want to live in this city. They like living in this city. Companies come to this city because the employees that they want to have work for them want to live in Austin, Texas, because of the community that we have, because of the values that we have, because of the way we relate to one another in this city. Cities around the country would love to swap places with the city of Austin. And why we would be doing a select fund would like this all in the name of property tax relief? Senate bill 2 provides no proper tax relief. Ask the governor and the speaker and the lieutenant governor that question. They will tell you the answer is no. In fact, if you watch the legislative session, they get really angry when someone suggests that it does. Except the only reason it's aularity right now is that's what people expect it to do. This \$51.7 million hole in our budget by capping at 2.5% will result in a savings for the typical homeowner in our community of \$2.70 a month.

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You know, a year from now and when taxpayers are watching their social services, their public safety budgets not being what they want them to be and they look at their tax bills and see no tax relief, I want them to remember this moment. I hope, and we will be watching, that when the legislators are considering

this bill today, I hope that somebody moves an amendment to say, okay 2.5, but except from that public safety. I want to see which legislators are willing to step up and protect public safety and which are not. If someone moves an amendment that says okay, 2.5, but except from that and a city that has the mobility challenges that we have, except from that roads. I want to see which legislators vote for that and which do not. Economic development, which is state has asked us to prioritize, to accept from the 2.5 costs we are spending directly for economic development, that they have joined with us on, who steps up to except those and who does not. Because we are in trouble. I have never seen as bipartisan and organic coming together of city mayors and councilmembers across the state as we are seeing associated with this. This is not -- this is not local leadership. This is local leadership trying to explain to state leadership what's going to happen. This is an attack on cities and I don't understand it. Because cities are the economic engines of our state. Cities are the innovation incubators in our state. We're able to attract the Ford S command, be in a region that attracts a billion dollar investment from Apple, we are doing something right. I don't understand this tack on cities.

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There's a -- mayor pro tem, do you want to move your

item? >> Garza: Speakers, mayor?

>> Mayor Adler: Make your motion

>> Garza: I'll move 48.

>> Mayor Adler: 48 has been moved. Second? Councilmember Casar seconds that. I don't have any speakers signed up. Do you want to speak, Mr. Peña? >> No M [rophone on]

>> Mayor Adler: That's okay me on down.

>> Mayor, I see you at the capitol. I want to thank you about that. One of the things I want to say, as co-founder of veterans for progress, 75 -- listen to me, 75 of us veterans that are hurting, old like me, I consider 66 old, I am disabled. Where in the hell -- excuse me, where is every -- all the other vfw's and American legions at capitol? I have been at the capitol except for Saturday and Sunday when the legislative session opened. I spoke to governor Abbott. I know him very well when he was a justice and attorney general. I know his wife and I kept on telling him already because I was surrounded by cops because I approached in his wheelchair. I said guys, I'm not your enemy. The enemy is you all. Republicans are doing something catastrophic to our poor, to our city. You ain't got to tell me anything about that, Mr. Adler, because we know about it. I'm going to hold the vfw's and American legions for not going to the capitol with us we're hurting but we're out there. I should be in B. I should be somewhere else, but I see the hurt.

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I know what the catastrophic situation is going to be if this passes at the capitol. But I want people to know me as a mexican-american, chicano, whatever they want to give me the title, we know what's going on. I want everybody to go out there, not everybody is going over there. We need you there. Mayor pro tem, you are right on target on your comments. Everybody else's comments right on target. We're going to be hurting, mayor, and you know, you said it appropriately, we're going to be hurt. Especially the low socioeconomic status. People poor, what is it going to do with the homeless, the funding. You are right on target. I'm fighting M right now. I go over there and I have two cops troopers follow me, friends of mine, we feel like you are a little in dating. I have met with 30 Republicans. I'll meet with anybody. I'm a democrat, have been for many years since I was 18. We need the help out there. You are right, it's going to be catastrophic. And the hurt is going to get worse. So if you all haven't been there to the capitol, you know, I urge you because of your constituents, not only that because of the city of Austin, you do vote for issues that impact the city of Austin and us veterans. If I can do it, I'm a disabled veteran. If I can do it, you all can do it too. You all are younger than I am. We need help, you are right mayor.

[Buzzer sounding] I'll be there to fight and the lord is with us. Thank you for allowing me to speak. God bless America. Mayor Adler: It's been moved and seconded. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed? It is unanimous on the dais and it passes. Okay. Item number 5 we're going to call up in a bit.

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Item number 6 has to be brought up after item 3. Item 27 is coming after 4:00. So that -- so that gets us to the two agencies that we can call up. The first one is the Austin housing finance corporation. I'm going to recess the city council meeting here at 11:05.

[See separate transcript for Austin Housing Finance Corporation meeting]

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[See separate transcript for Homestead Preservation Reinvestment Zone #1 meeting]

It is 11:12. Coming back in from recess. A quorum present. In fact, we're all here. That gets us back to our agenda. We can now take U item number 6 which had to follow 30. Councilmember Renteria moves passage of item 6. Is there a second to that motion? Mayor pro tem seconds that motion. Any discussion? Those in favor of 6 please raise your hand. Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais. Number 6 is taken care of. Okay. Can we take up item number 32? Or was that for a time certain. No, it's set for time certain. Item number 5, R have a couple sersak signed up. That's the land development code. We're going to take that as we talked about late this afternoon after we do the asmp.

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Item 27 is going to come up at 4:00. For a real quick comments and then a vote. That gets us to item 33, which is strategic mobility plan which we said we would take testimony on if people wanted to give us, we have about four people signed up for that. We could certainly also -- I'm sorry, that's land development code. I'm sorry. We're going to take up -- 33 we have four people signed up to speak with that a other things. Then -- but we could take up number 32. Ayormro tem, would you call THA up and take the vote on that? I've gotten a call I need to take.

>> Garza: Do we have staff here on 32? There's nobody signed up.

>> If we could do the public hearing on item 32 because it was posted that way and reserve consideration of the

ordinance until may 9.>> Garza: If there's nobody signed up for that.

>> Open the hearing and close the hearing.

>> Garza:kay. Opening the hearing for a public hearing on item 32, and there are no speakers. So we'll close that public hearing and take up the action at our next council meeting.

>> Flannigan: Does that require a motion to close the public hearing and postpone the item?

>> Garza: I look to law.

>> You are opening and closing the public hearing. You can do THA by motion. And you are not postponing, you are actually going to set the hearing --you're coming back on may 9 to do the ordinance.

>> Garza: So the public hearing is closed. Thanks.

>> Flannigan: But it requires a motion. So I move to close the public hearing and set the action for the ordinance to may 9.

>> Garza: Is there a second? Seconded by councilmember Casar. All those in favor? Erybevy on the dais. The mayor is on the dais and councilmember kitchen is off the dais.

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Is there anybody -- I believe we can take some of the asmp early, so is there anybody here on 33? I have G peña, royhale wy, Zenobia Joseph. Was 5 a time certain?

>> [No microphone on]

>> Garza: There's nothing else. I don't think there's anything else.

>> Mayor pro tem, I think in work session we had talked about 3:00 for item number 5. So because there is no -- actually it looks like speakers came in who want to speak on item 33. So we'll take -- I think Mr. Bobby Levinsky, three minutes.

>> I'm with the save our springs alliance. I want to speak in favor of the planning commission recommendations. They had a lot of great recommendations on not only the general prioritization of transit and corridors instead of highways, but some of the specific recommendations tooen a I would like to highlight, c121 and # 2 which relate to state highway 45 southwest.

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It includes a connector from southwest 45 to I-35. It would make essentially mopac a western bypass for I-35 traffic. The planning commission did notnanimously recommended against this. It is a consistent recommendation from this council and previous councils that this is not a desired roadway for Austin. And I understand that our need to work with txdot as roads that we can't control move forward, but that doesn't mean that it needs to be the strategic direction of the city of Austin and iould encourage you to make sure it is known that Austin does not want more highways, we want transit and we want better corridors. So thank you.

>> Garza: Thank you. Did any of the other SP kers, Gus peña, Roy Whaley, general nobody I Zenobia Joseph.

>> Tovo: Could we talk about our timing the rest of the day and also I want to be sure -- I guess first, I wanted to be sure that we Ju kind of regrouped on who many amendments people handed out. Councilmember Flannigan, I have three sheets from you. Four sheets. >>lgannn there are four -- I'll mak sure all four, but I have four -- you got four?

Tovo: Uh-huh. Maybe that would be helpful if each of said I passed out one sheet, there may be more additional. Four fromouncilmember Flannigan, one in Ellis, one from alter, one from mayor pro tem Garza.

>> Casar: Mine is on the message board.

>> Tovo: Are there any others that people plan to bring?

>> Kitchen: I'm sorry, I had to step out for a cod. You are just reading the amendments, is that what you are doing?

>> Tovo: I was just trying to take stock and councilmember pool is handing hers down.

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>> Flannigan: I might bring one more as I kind of review this to see if I assume others were bringing amendments on other things so I wasn't going to duplicate. If I don't see it, I may brg one more.

>> Tovo: Same for me.

>> Garza: Okay. Do you H anything Ann?

>> Ken:chust trying to understand what we're doing.

>> Garza: I think we're taking inventory of amendments we'll be discussing.

>> Kitchen: Do we know when we're taking it up? Okay. Sorry.

>> Garza: I think we're taking it up after lunch, but right now there's nothing more T discuss til citizen communication. Councilmember tovo.

>> Tovo: Thanks. So I think just a reference to take up the land development code at 3:00 and I think that we have confusion about that in the community, about whether we are coming -- it was my understanding based on our conversation on Tuesday that we are not -- that we will hold open tempt on the asmp and land development code unti after dinner.

>> Garza: Councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: What I recall from the work session was we would have asmp at 1:30 and L DC at 3:00. If there are misunderstandings, I didn't know how many people would come so I anticipated we could go late so I'm happy to continue that conversation. But what I got from work session and let folks know was 1:30 and 3:00.

>> Garza: That's what I remember, but we can talk about this after citizens communication when the mayor is back. Councilmember alter.

>> Alter: I was wondering if staff had any input on any the amendments that we needed T hear and whether they wanted to do that now or later.

>> Casar: Mayor pro tem? I wouldant W to lay out our own amendments if we're going to be discussing them.

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>> Kitchen: I would want to make the base motion before we started doing that.

>> Garza: Let's wait until we come back after citizens communication. We are in recess until noon.

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>> Mayor Adler: All right. It is 12:08, and we are back here for citizensommunication. The first one -- and we have a quorum present, so is patalls here?

>> [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: Yes. That would be fine. Is pat Smith here?

>> Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Why don't you come on down. Dave, you'll be second, and mayor pro tem, if you could call these people for just a second, please.

>> Garza: You want to get set up? Did you have a powpoint?

>> My names pat Smith and I'm the person of sweet briar child development center. And I have with me today, pretty pre-k teachers, Tracy Wagner and Jean cse. I would also like to mention Ms. Jean has been teaching with us for 18 years. We had Maria Marquez, our dire and our program qualityeciaspst. This is our -- some of our graduating CLA of our pre-k-4 for 2019. And we are -- the children have brout some gifts for you. We -- we planted carrots last fall and we pulled the carrot's yesterday.

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We made bookmarks for you and each child signed the back of the markok councilmember Garza, can the children bring you the bookmarks and you can pass them out to counciembers and staff?

>> Mayor pro tem, do you want to hand some out? You got it?

>> And those are orgican carrots that we planted and watered and cared for ourselves. And the children have a little poem they'd like to read to you, or perform for you. Are you ready? Okay.

>> [Children speaking inaudibly]

[Applause]

>> Thank you. That was excellent. Okay. You all can sit down now. You want to follow Ms. Tracy and Ms. Jean?

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So this week is recognized by the tional association for the education of young children as the week of the young child. We thought it would be an ideal opportunity to bring some of your youngest constituents to city hall to remind you of their value in our community. A visit to city hall is also an opportunity to begin teaching children about civic engagement and advocacy. All voices are valuable, large D small. We would like to recognize councilmember Garza for her support of children and families through the passage of her proposed city ordinance assisting quality early learning centers for

forgiveness of costly annual city inspection fees. This is a nice beginning, but there is much more opportunity to add affordability of child care and housing. Affordability is the greatest challenge to small businesses like Sweet Briar, as well as raising -- as well as families raising children in Austin.

[Buzzer sounding] Austin is proud to be considered a Progressive city. Interestingly, the more Progressive a city is, the higher the cost of living and the fewer families with children can afford to live in these cities. So we ask you to continue your work on affordability and the next code next so that Austin can be affordable for young families. Please remember, children are a third of the population, but 100% of our future. Thank you very much.

>> Gar: Thank you. Thanks for coming.

>> You're very welcome. I thought it would be a refreshing break from your normal city agenda.

>> Garza: Thanks. It was. The next speaker is Dave Austin. Pat, did you -- okay. The other Pat wants to go after him. You have three minutes, sir.

>> All right. I got my timer going here. Name is Dave Austin and I live in district 7, and I'm also a veteran and a dog volunteer.

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When I say dog volunteer, I spend a lot of my time mostly at night at Austin animal center walking the most challenging dogs. I also have a fellow volunteer, Tom Rock, who's also a veteran. One thing I learned coming out of the way was, we don't just do things to pat ourselves on the back and I believe in accountability. Tom Rock last year in June had a meeting with Sarah Hensley, former assistant city manager, and in that meeting there was an agreement to fund paid dog walkers because of our space crisis at Austin animal center and need for augmenting what people can do. Regular volunteers like myself aren't enough in that meeting it was agreed dog walkers would be paid by the city, we determined the effectiveness of those dog walkers and how much benefit they've had. An analysis never happened. In fact, an analysis of that dog walker scenario would have revealed we need more. An indication that the pilot program has not worked is the fact we only have one dog walker now, we do not have two dog walkers and we haven't rehired so it's been over a month and a half since we let one of those dog walkers. If we were actually evaluating a program, we'd realize we need one. So my ask is to reinstate that pilot where we evaluate the performance and reassess the needs on a periodic basis and not just -- be proud we funded that effort. This is also about the 95% live outcome decision which was just made, which I'm completely in support of, having more animals leave the shelter alive, but without accountability and without assuring we're not contributing to the space crisis by not enforcing spay/neuter, we're only contributing to the problem. My ask on this is that we actually have commensurate increase, which last month was talked to you all about, of 95% of spay/neuter of dogs leaving the shelter, commensurate with 95% live outcome.

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I want to be able and make sure we follow through with what we say and don't contribute to the space crisis, and all we're doing, if we are allowing dogs to go out into the community with just a waiver or a promise that those dogs will be paid, well we know not everyone does what they say they'll do so we're contributing to the problem of the space crisis by increasing the number of dogs that come back into the shelter without a plan to manage that population. Thank you.

>> Casar: Thank you. Pat. Welcome. You've got three minutes.

>> Thank you. I need a second here. Thank you, councilmember and city manager. My name is Patricia Bustrias and I live in district 9. I want to start by as interim assistant city manager, director helpfully met with a group of us volunteers and supporters of the volunteers several times during 2018 she made several commitments which she kept and I appreciate that. Second, I want to thank manager Cronk. When you saw we had about seven people lined up to speak, you acknowledged that you were hearing us, and I want to express my appreciation for your words. Third, thank you to councilmember Poole and councilmember Harper Madison for your words at the March 28th meeting before passing the 95% kill resolution. I want to reiterate, just as Dave Austin just did, that I was not opposed to the 95% resolution. I support a high live outcome rate. I simply ask that when you go to pass the budget, you fund it so that the 95% live outcome is also equal -- is also take into account animal protection and good animal care and spay neuter and quality of life, that quality of life can only happen if we are spaying and neutering so that we are able to take care of the ones that are being born.

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Besides thanking city staff and city council, I also want to thank Dave, who just spoke, and the other volunteers who have been speaking since May of last spring. I will not be making a specific request today because of reiterating past requests, because tomorrow we have a third meeting with Clynt the shelter director Kimberly McNeilly, and I will be making several proposals to her then, I want to have an opportunity to discuss with her a with the new assistant city manager before either reiterating them or bringing you new ones. They will have to do with the issues I've been speaking about which is the performance measures, adequate funding, spay neuter, animal protection, and just doing right by the live outcome rate you have established. Thank you.

>> Thank you. The next speaker is Trevor Baton, and he will be followed by Clifford Dalton. Either one. You have three minutes.

>> Good afternoon, honorable representatives, my name is Trevor Baton, I'm a life-long resident of the state of Texas, and a member of Wells Branch Community Church. I first appeared before this council on February 21, 2019. At that time I added my voice to the chorus of others speaking up on behalf of our fatherless pre-born children who are still being murdered under your touch and jurisdiction. Once again, let me express my gratitude for your time and attention. I humbly submit to your role as God's ordained civil magistrates, have you a supreme duty to uphold justice. You're currently failing at this.

Since the '70s, the city of Austin has been subsidizing planned parenthood with a practically free lease agreement for a property in east Austin worth over \$100,000 per year.

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Last November this council voted to stand firm on this policy with only one dissent. At that meeting, councilmember Flanagan, you strongly stated that you would oppose anyone who would seek to strip someone of their civil rights and see you as less than man, and yet this council strips away the civil rights from our unborn neighbors whom you deem less than human by your votes. Do not deem any of you less than human. I know that you have all been intrinsically valuable from the conceptions. You're made in the image of god, the god of the bible, perfectly revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Councilman Casar, you publicly agreed with councilmember Flanagan's statements. You even said that should celebrate this lease because it saves lives. I think the murdered unborn would disagree with you. Perhaps the noise of your celebration has drowned out their cries for help and justice. Let me repeat myself from last time. Every single pre-born neighbor from the moment of conception is a distinct living and whole human being made in the image of god, abortion is the execution of unborn people whom I do not deem less than human. The truth of the matter is this. Their bodies, chemically burned, ruthlessly dismembered, skulls and brains crushed, their bodies are testimony against you, your hands are covered with innocent blood. And so were mine. For all the years that I remain silent, blissfully comfortable while my neighbors were being slaughtered. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Clifford Dalton?

>> I'm seeing that the police are corrupt and I have a great problem with my brain.

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I have a disease and I have a condition that strokes and I can't really talk that well, and so I'll try my best. Anyways, I was poisoned and I feel like you all know when you're poisoned, don't you? Everybody knows when they were poisoned. So I was poisoned and I was thinking that I testified the police chief

(indiscernible) Can't talk to internal affairs, can't talk to the police chief, won't let me talk to internal affairs, and -- and the poison gives strange reaction to body and everything like mine. I can't move my ankles. I can move my ankles now, but in time wears off, and then I can't think right, can't do nothing right, and I've already had a problem with my brain, though know this already, but still they come here and expect me to make more -- more -- my condition worse than it is, and so there's so much I want to say to you all, I can't say it all. Anyways, I'd like to have the time, probably take them to court and do it like that. So anyways, thank you for your time. Thank you.

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>> Thank you, sir. Jeff Mitchell? Good morning, honorable magistrates, my name is Jeff Mitchell, I'm a husband, a father, and a member of wells branch community church. I stand before you in humble submission to your authority, God is our ultimate authority and is our standard for truth, morality and life itself. What is life? It is the existence of an individual human, plants or animal, single, separate, its end, the inventor of MRI says we have scientific objective criteria beginning at a distinct new member of the human race, the God of the Bible perfectly revealed in Christ, created all life and declares life from within the woman, the baby is jostled within her, and from our creation, Genesis, 1:27, God created man in his own image, in the image of Him, male and female, He created them. We are all intrinsically valuable. Created in a personal way with intent for each life as it is written. It is clear to abort is to kill the innocent. So I stand here today as a voice for the unborn, before a breath was made, crying alone in the dark, feeling the wrath of society, should they speak the truth of their pain, finally the men, the fathers, who weep and mourn over the sons and daughters they will never know, because we too men are unheard, the society we live in that demands money, child support, involvement, no dead beat dads is the same society that tells them they will not have a choice, go suffer alone while we kill your children without you.

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The breaking of God's law and failing to love, and I thank God every single day for His perfect love embrace available to everyone should we ask in humility, He came to Earth as a man to experience our life, He bound with us for eternity, but lived perfectly as God, died for all of our transgressions, our sins, to rise in glory sitting in heaven. All we have to do is just ask for forgiveness, I pray for all the children such as the ones here today that won't get the chance to do such that I will change your minds, let yourself be to the mercy of God that could only be found in Christ, the blood of the innocent is blood lost on your watch. Please abolish the abomination and start putting an end to the lust for innocent blood. I do not wish that upon any of you, so though you love that is Christ Jesus, I love each and every one of you, your souls I pray, I thank you sincerely for your time today.

>> Thank you. Marcus Jackson?

>> Good morning my name is Marcellus Jackson, I live in district 7. Everyone in the supreme court is denied every courtroom in the United States, a citation issued by the Austin police department or any other police department for that matter can be legally paid in monopoly money. This is not a joke. This is legally allowed. My right of due process to prove this is legal fact in the municipal court, the right afforded me by the rule of law was denied me by the Austin municipal court. I admit the only criteria deemed necessary by the rule of law to hear and speak in any courtroom, I was alive, I was not yet dead. Margaret Moore, the Travis County district attorney pre-approved the self-confessed pre-meditated murders of Sofia King, David Joseph and Otho Byer the Austin police department, but she intentionally denied or selective with due process in regard to everyone else having business in the courtrooms Austin, Texas.

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This is something all too common in every courtroom in the United States. These pre-meditated murders proven so by the pvisiros of the rule of law or financed by this city council, implemented by the members of the Austin police department, endorsed, encouraged and defended B Ken Cassidy and the Austin police association, facilitated by the entire faculty of the university of Texas school of law. Tis accepted by Greg Abbott, the graduate of an accredited law school and officer of the crt,ou self-obligated upon successful creation from an accredited law school, passing the bar to be considered learned in the rule of law, to abide and conduct themself legally by the rule of law. The court and law enforcement administer the oath to give testimony and Miranda. It is their responsibility as the givers to know the rule of law. This includes as well the president of the united stat Donald Trump who frequently uses the words "Rule of law" to defend his legal -- his policy of caging children. He is required as the giver of law to know what the words rule of law mean. Neither Donald Trump's total knowledge of the rule of law can give a rival to the mind of the concept in the mind of Donald Trump is as he says learned in the rule of law. Never once in her tenure as the Travis county district attorney has Margaret Moore afrdedfoue process to any individual. She instead legalized serial mass murder on the streets of Austin. Never once were any individual in any courtroom for any reason in the city of Austin has any court ever achieved its only objective, to arrive at justice. At the conclusion of administering one's Miranda rights.

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Thank you.

>> Thank you, sir. Christina brown? Who will be followed by Keith and then Charles Robert Holm.

>> My name is Christina brown and I'm representing sovereign nation, counter balance and our parent federation 401, I also live in district, I'm also a teacher of black sovereign nation community school and I'm here to testify with their consen behalf of our students who stand behind me. I've taught students who have been labeled as problems, have taught students who have been threatened to be hung by their white teachers. Our students with the faces of traumatized black students that endure hostile police presence in Austin schools at best, and dispportronate rates of spensuons and expulsions at worse. According to the data from the U.S. Department of education, black students make up 8% of Austin's ISD's total enrollment but make up nearly one quarter of the total out of school suspensions and 20% of the in school expulsions, imagine escaping that name nightmare that is our public school system. The curriculum reflects your experience, confirms your experience as a black individual, your teachers look like you, a scarcity in Austin, as students of color make U two-thirds of enroll student, yet teachers of color only account for one third of the teaching staff. This class or this school holds class in the carver library, a supposed sanctuary for the black community, particularly children, imagine every day washing studts inn the neighbor kiehling middle school be patlled, patrolled in a way that you recognized before you even old enough to attend school.

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It's the same pattern that police use to patrol your neighborhoods, brutally punishing your poverty, signing criminality with each disapproving glance. I want to go through exactly what happened on February 5th to a 13-year-old child that result in her imprisonment for over month. Rumors spread that a 13-year-old child was reatening to fight one of her class mates, no one at the carver library observed this child threatening anyone or fighting anyone. More disturbingly, no one contacted this parent's child before law enforcement was called. Even more disheartening, no one at the carver library advocated for this child. Let's take a look at the system that we are now proposing. This is detailed in your packet, I proposed youth policy endorsed by seven Austin organizations, over 54 Austin residents, along with the almost two decades old existing policy, a QR code to access our petition and the Austin office of equity's assessment of the library which found it lacking in number of measures of equity. A youth, ages 10 to 18, allegedly violated a policy. That youth is assigned to a youth appointed, youth advocate, yeah, yeah, who gets an account from the APL staff and the youth.

[Buzzer sounding] That's what we're recommending transformational justice based on consequence. I'm almost finished. The staff agrees or disagrees and asks the child to leave then contacts the child's parent who can pick them up or 311 if the library closes before that can happen. These things along with a youth at large member of the library commission, mandated training for Austin library staff and a number of things that are listed in our proposed policy, we think will be the first step to improving equity in our sanctuary spaces like our libraries, public parks and recreational centers, thank you.

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>> Thank you. Anjara Keith?

>> Good afternoon. Our banner may look unimpressive, but that's because you don't know that five and six-year-olds helped make it. I am Anja area Keith. I live in district 1, and our community school previously met in district 1, like Christina sai we met at the carver branch library. I am here in several capacities, but I'm going to focus today on my capacity as the founder and coordinator of the organization. Our students are here with us today because they were impacted by this. One of our students who wasn't present today was literally shaking after she witnessed Latisha being arrested at the carver branch library. It was traumatic for the other students who were at the library today. Those students walked over from Keeling middle school which is behind the carver branch library. I really couldn't explain to my students how black sovereign nation is an organization that attempts to create equitable spaces for kids and we would continue to take them to a library where they were already experiencing hyperpolicing and they witnessed a 13-year-old girl be arrested. So those are just some of the ways that they've been impacted and I really wanted to also consider those ways. Today I wanted you to consider them, when we came in, I had to explain why we needed to walk through security, something that the kids kind of understood, given that city council meets here, but that they don't understand within the context of library engagement.

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They don't understand having similar levels of security or engagement with law enforcement at a library as they do at this institution, at this facility. I don't understand this either, but the kids are a little more forgiving than I am. So I am not going to really go on and on about the policy that we're proposing. We have other speakers to talk about that. I just want you think about the kids here, my heart was so warm to see the preschoolers lee in with the carrots. At was so beautiful. I noticed like how innocent and curious they were about the space that they were in. That's how we want our students to feel. That's how we want black kids to feel in this city, and at all city facility, butt'sha not how our ks, particularly our kids feel right now in the library, and we want Thang C that. So tt's really all have I to say to you today. Thank you.

>> Thank you. And the last speaker is Charles Robert Holm.

>> My N is Charles Holm. I'm a ph.d candidate at E university of Texas and I volunteer at the school these kids go to, I wanted to speak in support of the proposed and suggested policies and procedures as it relates to the Austin city libraries. So I first want to thank the community that's brought these issues to the forefront of the agenda. At the library and commission meetings and also here today, and thank the council for hearing this testimony. Library youth policies in Austin currently are inadequate and even harmful, especially in relation to issues of overpolicing and criminalization of children and young people of color, if wear about these children, we need to act to make our libraries and the city a place where young people especially can find saingt sanctuary for learningnd childhood development.

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The current picy is two decades old, a one and a half page document that provides little to no guidance to staff or protecs fon the youth it claims to be for. In fact, claiming toxist E quote, for the safety and protection of youth, policy clearly states Austin public library, quote, assumes no responsibility for the safety of children. The proposed suggested today addresses specific shortcomings of this policy, especially as it allows extreme discretion when staff should call the Austin police department in situations iolving children at the library, this is not solely the staff library staff's fault who decide to call the police in situations better handled with other means which in my opinion is nearly 100% of the time, but combined with a lack of other resources and support staff like our schools, it seems that we are increasingly relying on the police to handle situations with damaging and disproportionately destructive consequences for the lives of young peoe of color. The curre policies and practices directly and indirectly make our libraries tributaries to the school-to-prison pipeline and mass incarceration, Austin public libraries and the council should seriously considhe ways involving the police and the lives of children of color, place them at unnecessary risk for trauma, arrest, and wst, and study after study, Wil empirically show the disproportionate criminalization incarceration and violence that young children of color face when interacting with police officers. So conclude I fully support and I thinkhe council should fully

support to committing to considering these proposals further developing them with the community, with the school, with others who utilize the libraries. I think they should also contribute funding more resources for support staff.

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[Buzzer sounding] Educators, counselors, taking it away from the police, the way forward is to do this and to act honestly and address the severe discrepancies and this treatment existing in the city today toward this community, children and other young people.

>> Have you shared those policy recommendations with council?

>> Council has the policy in the black folders.

>> Ay. Okay. Thank you. I believe councilmember Harper Madison would like to take a moment of personal privilege.

>> Madison: Yes, thank you, mayor pro tem, I would like to exercise a point of personal privilege. Earlier this week we learned that we lost an important champion of the east Austin community, Aquasi Evans, the long time publisher of the newspaper passed away at the age of 71. He gave a voice and a spotlight to black Austin and I would like to ask that we take a moment of silence in his honor.

>> Thank you, councilmember, for recognizing his contributions to our community. Mayor, I'm going to turn the chair back over to you, if that's what you would like. No? Okay.

[Laughter] Okay. So let's see what we have.

>> That's all the speakers?

>> Yes, those are all the speakers.

>> Okay. Was there a desire of the council to take a break for lunch, or people been doing that in intervening time.

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>> I think everyone took their lunch break, I thought. Well, there was discussion earlier about whether we should start talking about assembly amendments and then there was a little back and forth on that. I'm wondering, maybe we can have that discussion now, and even though the public may not start commenting until 1:30, at least maybe they would know -- be more informed about what they're commenting on if we're each allowed the opportunity, those of us that are here, to lay out the amendments we have.

>> Ss good. Maybe we can narrow down -- thank you. Makes sense to me, at the very least we may be able to narrow down what is in controversy, if not, if we take a break, people would at least know what to look like. Let's begin then -- I don't know if staff is here to discuss amendments before --

>> Before we do amendment, should we not lay out the base motion?

>> Absolutely. That would be the very next thing that we would do. I wanted to make sure that the staff was here first to be able to do that. But the staff is on its way. Okay. So I want to recognize councilmember kitchen to lay out the motion as we had talked about on the message board, before we do that, councilmember, Tobin, did you have something in.

>> Tovo: I do. There's some confusion taking up the land development code hearing we talked about that too. We did go back to the tape, and the mayor I think you said --

>> No earlier than 3:00, I think I said, but we don't take any time on it, we will come after dinner and give them a chance to speak.

>> Thank you for clarifying that. As I said, we did go back to the tape and were reminded of your comment. We've had calls from the public wondering if they could come after dinner.

>> I hope that's what the tape said too.

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>> T I is.

>> . You're consistent.

>> Councilmember, kitchen, would you like to lay out the motion.

>> I would like to move the base motion for the ap, the staff recommended changes, I think that's how we're referring to it, and, you know, I'll make March later, there's been a tremendous amount of work done on this, tremendous amount of conversation with the community and with the boards and commissions over quite some time, and I'm really excited to be at this point today. There's a lot of very - very interesting and really good policies that are captured in the asmp that updates our focus on things like transit today. So I'm looking forward to working through this process.

>> Sounds good. There's been a motion on this item. Is there a second to this motion? Councilmember altar seconds this. A motion and a second. So this is all the stuff plus what was on the B schedule, and I think now what would be helpful to do would be go through amendments that people want to bring that staff thinks are okay amendments, too, and let's see how many of these we can run through before we get to ones that need to be discussed, but let's see.

>> Mayor, if I may.

>> Yes. I'm certain there's two people that didn't have lunch. Could we get clear AOT whether or not we're taking a lunch break.

>> I think we will take a break. My intents to get us through the amendments that -- quickly, where there's no controversy, and then have us identify the ones theatre controversial or that we need to talk about so that over theunch break people know where to cus their attention. Okay? Councilmember tovo?

>> Tovo: So thanks for that clarification, when you say get through, are we laying out amendments, having public testimony and coming back, or are you sutinges that we're going to vote on T noncontroversial amements prior to the public testimony.

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>> I was hoping would vote on the noncontroversial ones prior to having public testimony,ut I see the question that you're asking in case someone wanted to speak on a noncontroversial amendment. Let's try to divide them in half, we won't take any votes, let's G through this division, so we can make two piles on our desk and then we'll take a short break. All right, so let's air the amendments and let's see I S there are things theatre controversial or not. Okay? So I have a pile of amendments that have been laid out, Maybee ca W just work through these real fast, not to discuss them or defend them, but to see what the controversial and what's not. I have in no particular order, Mr. Flanagan has laid out a motion sheet, I'm looking at number 2. I assume that there was -- okay, Mr. Flanagan has laid out amendment number one, motion sheet. Was this okay with staff? The answer to that I think is what?

>> So Mr. M,orf you will give me the ability to ask you to repeat what you just said --

>> Month problem.

>> I understand there's several motion sheets from Mr. Flanagan --

>> There are. I'm trying to go through the amendments generally to make two piles. I'm looking at something called motion sheet number one. This is a multi-page, ten page amendment --

>> So our response, Mr. Mayor, is staff does not oppose certain roadways would require coordination approval of txdot to access txdot facilities which does not guara these feasibility, but we understand we're supposed to work with that, a few also require coordination with.

>> Does that mean you support or don't support.

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>> We don't oppose it.

>> Don't oppose.

>> I have motion sheet number 2.

>> Again, Mr. Mayor, staff does not oppose.

>> What about motion sheet number 3.

>> Again, staff does not oppose.

>> Okay, motion sheet number 4?

>> There's multiple points to motion sheet number 4. Motion elements number one, two, three, four, five, staff does not oppose.

>> Okay.

>> Number 6, staff feels that this is addressed in several places in the plan, but of course, if councilmember wants to reiterate that, that's fine.

>> That means you don't oppose.

>> We do not oppose it.

>> Mayor, excuse me, I'm sorry. I have a stack of motions here, but I don't know whose motions -- because some people have a number of them. Can we -- who are we talking?

>> Councilmember Flanagan, we've done his motion sheet one, two, and three, that had no opposition to those.

>> Okay.

>> That doesn't mean we've automatically adopted them. This is just for us to be able to make piles at our desk, and then looking at motion sheet number 4, also from Mr. Flanagan.

>> Can I ask a question, because what we've been doing so far is asking if staff has a -- I think it might be useful at the same time to see if anybody else has a question --

>> I think that's a real good point.

>> Has anybody else identified concerns they have with Flanagan one, two, and three? Okay. At about -- yes?

>> Well, on two, I had a comment to make, I'm supportive, but I wanted to make some comments.

>> Okay. And you'll be given a chance to. We're going to call each of these up individually, first to get a high level view of the ones perhaps we need to study over the fifteen minute lunch break, that's really all we're doing here. And so that the people who are going to be called to speak in public testimony about general high level -- so with respect to councilman Flanagan amendment number four, motion sheet number four you were telling us.

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>> Staff does not oppose on the rest of the points, that is correct.

>> Does council have any concerns about this? Yes.

>> There's one part of it that I need clarification on, so I would like for it to go in the bucket --

>> Which number is that.

>> That is number 3.

>> Item number 3 on motion sheet 4? Yes, okay, thank you.

>> And mayor, if we do have questions and we D't identify now, because I'm just seeing these, I haven't even read them --

>> You're not precluded from doing anything.

>> Yeah, not precluded from doing anything, or voting no. Yes, councilwoman alder?

>> Alder: I have a question on six, just terms of the flow of the document, the policy, it needs to have a policy written undath it, which is --ot

>> Motion sheet number 4, item number 6.

>> Yeah, and that topic is one that has been covered in a lot of different ways and I'm very sympathetic to -- just for the flow of it,.

>> We're going to mark number 6.

>> I might have a question on six, I'm not sure.

>> Let's flag number one so people take a look at that one. Now I'm looking at councilmember Harper Madison. Flanagan has a number 5.

>> And does he have a 6 too?

>> No.

>> .

>> Councilmember Flanagan number 5, staff?

>> We do not oppose.

>> Any concerns on the dais.

>> That's one -- I may be able to resolve it over lunch, but I have questions about it.

>> Okay, please flag number 5. Okay. Thank you. All right, now I have councilmember Harper madiso yes.

>> I want to be sure that all -- anybody watching the DI ussion is aware that these are one tessage board, because we have had -- we'veheard feedback from -- from e-mails throughout T week about asmp items, this question of transit support of densities, the extent to which we're going to call them out in the plan or not call them out in the plan, so I thinkotio M sheet five in particular is something that I hope members of the public will take a look at.

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>> Okay. Thank you. I think I was councilmember Harper Madison do you just have one page?

>> Correct.

>> It's a front and back? Is there --

>> Mayor, I have two pages for councilmember Harper Madison.

>> Yeah, I did too.

>> I think there was an earlier one and a later one.

>> So which --

>> So I have one that has blue type in the first paragraph and one that has black type --

>> Black and bold is the revised version.

>> Okay, so the one that had blue type is the earlier one, and we will look at the one that has the black type. What about staff on this one?

>> So, Mr. Mayor, I have the information that I have is councilmember Harper Madison has four amendments. I don't know if those are all on the same page. I'm sorry.

>> They are. It's front and back.

>> And you should be looking at the version that does not have the blue ink on number one but rather than black ink. Okay. We're going to hand this to you, we're going to come back to this one in a second.

>> I'm sorry about that that I can't answer.

>> We'll come back to that in a second while your staff looks at that.

>> Yes.

>> I have councilmember Ellis has a motion sheet. Yes?

>> (Indiscernible).

>> Turn on your microphone, I'm sorry. You don't have a copy of Ellis's?

>> No.

>> Oh, councilmember Harper Madison, but you do now? Okay. Yes?

>> Mr. Mayor, back on councilmember Harper Madison, staff does not oppose.

>> Staff does not oppose, okay thank you.

>> And I had a question about one word in it so --

>> So we should mark this?

>> Yeah.

>> What's the one word have you a discussion about, we're not going to discuss it, just identify the word.

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>> Incrementally.

>> Okay, we note that.

>> Mayor?

>> Yes.

>> I had a question about three that I was trying to understand about the -- itays prioritize, but elsewhere they were saying not to prioritize, I was trying to understand the distinction.

>> Ell, W then let's mark number 3, we're going to put a star O that.

>> And I would like to read over number one, I think this changes in a positive direction, but I haven't digested it yet.>> Okay. One is marked on that wit my star, three has a star on it. Co cilmember Ellis has one page. Would you look at that.

>> Stf does not oppose.

>> Okay, any concern on the dais at this point on that one?

>> No.

>> Okay, the next one I have is coumember Casar, a map on the front page, it's one of four. Staff?

>> Mayor, I have a comment on this one. We have some input previously from staff on the cost to install sidewalks on the west side of Lamar on marrow, andthat information seems to be missing from this so --

>> Okay, so let's go ahead, we're going to mark -- we're going to mark Casar, and that's on morrow? Okay. All right, so we'll mark that one with a star, then I have councilmember Poole has a sheet with the two items on it. Staff?

>> And these were posted to the message board on Monday. Yes --

>> I'm sorry, Tuesday.

>> Staff?

>> And staff does notppose those items on page 37 and 72, 270 and so forth.

>> Okay, does anyboave a concern on the dais right now? Okay. Councilmember tovo has a motion sheet. Child C additional language, and add an action item.

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Staff.

>> Right. So staff does not oppose, but we suggest a clarification there if it was acceptable to councilmember tovo, the clarification I can either read it now or --

>> Which one. We're not going to discuss it.

>> This is on additional language in the new action imte for the act plan b58, and our suggestion is the act plan study areas the central business district and adjacent neighborhoods including the rainy neighborhood, also includes connections to mopac and the unity rs Texas at Austin. So just to add that on at the.nd

>> So you'r adding additional areas to be included in the act plan, is that what that is?

>> It's just a reorder and to clarify --

>> Okay, we're going to mark that --

>> The university is not part of that. We have been working with transportation. I haven't heard that suggestion. I'm happy to talk about it at the break, but the university of Texas currently isn't not as the downtown --

>> So we start that one. Councilmen altar has three pages with seven items.

>> And if I might just --

>> Yes.

>> Fberum 6 in talking to councilmember Ellis, I'd like to change that to develop tools to monitor and successfully implement tdm strategies where applied. We don't know how to enforce them so develops tools to monitor and sssuclyly implement and I have a new version that I'll pass out at has that, just waiting for it.

>> Okay. So be changing through force of implementation, successfully implement.

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>> And staff does not oppose.

>> Does not oppose, any concerns on dais? I'm sorry. You have a comment? We're going to star that one. We have to come back to Ange it anyhow. And then have I mayor pro tem Garza has strategies, amendment number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, eight amendments from councilmember Garza. Staff?

>> We would offer some sight text changes, revisions, to the strategies, and if --

>> That's amendment number one?

>> Yes.

>> Okay. We'd be happy to make those suggestions to her.

>> What about the others?

>> The others we do not oppose.

>> Okay, any concerns on the dais? Councilmember altar, which ones?

>> I H - I-s kind of like more grama -- grammar for amendment 4. I had alternative amendment that iill pass out.

>> I may have a suggested change to ame 8.nt

>> Okay. We'll star that one. All right, then I have councilmember altar has motion sheet -- I don't have a one, just have two. Okay. Your sheet number one, which have T seen yet, but no, no,'m I looking at something handed out that says motion sheet number two on the top of it.

>> Right, andhat T is just clarifying what I said for what was number 6. You can call that number 6, T it was -- it's just changing enforce to successfully --

>> I got that, but is there alter amendment -- it was one we just did before. Got it.

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It's one THA had just motion sheet was yr number one. Got it. All right. Then we have your altar motion sheet number two. Got it. And then there's another one being handed out right now which is alter motion sheet number 3.

>> Which is a substitute for Garza amendment four, but --

>> Which is, okay. So I'm going to STA that one, because it relates to Garza amendment four. Okay. Are there any other amendments that people anticipate at this point?

>> Mr. Mayor, if we could go back to mayor pro tem Garza's, my staff has informed me that she actually already did make the recommended changes, so staff has no opposition to mayor pro tem's amendment 4.

>> Good to note. We're not looking at amendment number one on Garza -- we can look at them all, but the ones that have been identified that we know we need to look at are just amendment 4 and amendment 6.

>> And eight.

>> Amendment 4 and amendment 8 are the two.

>> Can I ask councilmember altar, if her motion sheet three, amending her original motion sheet one or some other motion sheet, someone's else's.

>> It was amending Garza amendment 4.

>> Rzaga motion 4 and the first part of that for support is T policy statement at the top.

>> Okay. Mayor, I have two -- -- the Garza amendment and amendment one, are these the same?

>> I'll let me the councilmember mayor pro tem take a look at that. Do we want to meet back here at 1:30? And in the meantime, if people could touch base on the issues that he now beendefined, maybe we can square som O those in the next 30 minutes.

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We will come back in 30 minutes, we will begin with public testimony and then we'll go to discussion on the dais.

>> Mayor, if I may, my staff wi be available to councilmembers if any clarification is needed.

>> Thank you very much. Where will people find your staff.

>> We'll be in the bullpen.

>> Thank you. With that said, 1:04. We're in recess until 1:30. >> >> >> >> >> >> >>

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>> Mayor Adler: It's 1:44, we're going to go ahead and reconvene the council meeting. I'm going to recognize staff to -- to clarify or change what they told us just before the break. And then I'm going to go to public comment. And then we will come back up to the dais to look at amendments.

>> Thank you, mayor. The first item that I would like to address is councilmember Tovo's item on the act boundaries, the specific areas that are included in the act, act boundaries. I botched the description, I'm sorry, councilmember Tovo's description is correct. Staff no longer has comments to that item or opposes that item.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Then also there was one item, Mr. Flannigan, I believe your no. 5 motion sheet. Staff is working on a pr used we recording of that, we will have it to councilmember Flannigan and the rest of the councilmembers as quickly as we do, are if you could take that up later in the amendments I would appreciate it.

>> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: All right. All right, call up people who want to speak on the -- on the strategic mobility plan. S Pena, is he here? Roy Whaley? Is he here? What about Zenobia Joseph. Okay. What about -- did we already take testimony from Bobby Levenski, Hayden Walker, is Hayden Walker here? What about Jay Crossly?

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Mr. Crossly? Before you start, is Geoffrey Bowen here? Okay. You have time donated from two people. Is Mindy Sutton here? You are going to need to bring her in.

>> Mindy Sutton? You are Patricia King?

>> Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: There's Patricia. I was going to let you out yourself there. So you've donated time instead of Mindy Sutton? Okay. All right. Two people can donate time. I see Patricia King is -- the person that I have donating time is Mindy Sutton, that's not you.

>> I am Mindy Sutton.

>> Mayor Adler: You are. Got you. You have then seven minutes. Go ahead, Mr. Crossly.

>> Hello. My name is [unclear] Crossly. I live in district 7. And I'm here today representing a non-profit, farm and city however, I have served on your multi-modal community advisory committee for the last couple of years. And so I have spent a lot of time thinking about the asmp and looking at maps and things. Also I'm current chair of the pedestrian advisory council where we also have spent a lot of time talking about the asmp and related issues. Overall I strongly encourage you to vote yes on this. It's a profoundly good set of work and will dramatically improve the city for all of us. I keep thinking about my four-year-old son. By the time he's a teenager, this asmp will dramatically improve his life. I would like

to stress a couple of issues. One is just broadly on the mode [indiscernible] It is very good that we have this deal. But please think of it at least -- we should allow for at least 50% of the people of Austin to not have to drive alone to work and so that's -- that shouldn't be the goal.

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It's -- we want to get past it, if we can. And this is about the freedom not to have to drive so much. That's the broad issue. I want to focus on speed. Speed is a much bigger problem in America than all of us realized in the past. The traffic engineering world, all of the acronyms have come together to say we've made terrible mistakes in designing for high speed. The governor's highway safety association put out a major report about how speed is as big of a problem as drunk driving, distracted driving, and we need to change the way we do everything. NISTBA, federal highway administration put out a lot asking governments to do more on speed and txdot has just adopted a council on system safety and will be redesigning the -- their design manual. I have -- I have sort of good hope that they will change the way txdot thinks about speed. Austin is a member the national association of city transportation officials and the urbanesign D guidelines are clear that all streets that are not limited access facilities, freeways, in the urban areas should be designed for speeds of 35 miles an hour or less. to day we unfortunately are very far from safe streets. Most of our major streets are designed for much higher speeds. As you know the results are devastating. Aside from the profound failure of our streets to protect human life, our misguided high speed design also basically hasn't worked. If you look in Google maps and see how long it takes to get from end to end of all of the corridors in the 2016 bond, you cannot travel faster than 35 miles an hour during rush hour on any of those streets, most of them it's 20.

[Beeping]. I am very concerned some streets are still intended to be 45 or 40 miles an hour, slaughter, Lincoln and I think the children in those neighborhoods deserve safety just as much as any other neighborhood.

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so thank you. >> Pool: Mayor, I wanted to ask Mr. Crossly a question. I've been working as well to try to reduce the top speeds, especially in the interiors of neighborhoods and there's I think two bills maybe that representative Israel is carrying aim to try to effect some of those changes. I would like to work with you on identifying streets, not just in district 7, but maybe elsewhere. If you could contact my office and we could set up a time and look through the documents that are H for us and then maybe we can make some more specific, concrete progress on -- on trying to lower -- trying to lower the maximum speeds, especially in our neighborhoods.

>> Great.

>> Pool: Thanks.

>> That may be getting vote at this moment in the transportation committee. The committee institute took out the option for cities to do 20 miles an hour. And that was partially because the city of Austin did not ask for that. Israel's office asked the city if we wanted that and the city said no. Just so you know, it was not on our agenda. Your agenda said 25 statewide, that will be the bill. In the local option part is probably going to be out.

>> Pool: If I could ask the city manager to chase that back and find out about it. I do remember having some conversations with our transportation staff with regard to north Lamar and my efforts to reduce at least by five miles the maximum speeds that were warranted for north Lamar above 183. It was a difficult conversation that I had with our staff. I would like to improve that conversation going forward. Thank you, Mr. Crossly.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: All right. Geoffrey Bowen, you have seven minutes. On deck is -- is Hayden Walker and you have time, Mr. Walker, donated from Michael Sano. Is he here? Okay. You will have five minutes, Mr. Walker.

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Ahead, Mr. Bowen.

>> Good. Thank you very much for G mein- I would like to thank Mindy and Ms. King for also letting me have some of their time. I'm here really to discuss the issues on some of the data that was collected that was used for the strategic mobility plan. Going through some of this data, which was put out in the phase II public engagement process, when you start looking at the numbers, you are looking at less than 5800 people were part of that process. 5800 people are now that -- that information is being used to -- to determine what's going to happen for over a million people in this area. Sometimes those numbers don't look -- well, let's just face it, those are not real good numbers when you are looking at the overall picture. What is the right number of how many people they should have surveyed and talked to? Who knows? Should have been 2500. Should have been 25,000. The issue comes down to is that -- is that the numbers and what they have on this of the less than 5800 people, when they looked at it, started breaking this out by race and ethnicity, they only came up with 4127 people. Where's the rest of 'em? Same thing when it came down to the districts. The districts was right around 4100. That's all of our districts plus 3 people that were from -- or didn't even know what district they lived in, plus a lot of people that were from out of town. Once again, we got 50 -- less than 5800 people providing data to come up with this plan. Where -- you know, we're not even into the portion yet of how much is it going to cost us? So I realize -- I've been here for 30 years. Moved back to Texas in '9.

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-- In '89. So I understand the issues. I know we have a ways to go with this. But I really think we're jumping off the deep end and trying to take on more than what we can potential afford at this point in time. You're getting to the point to where I'm at the -- actually at the point to where I n'owt F I'm going to be able to stay here just because of my property taxes. And being able to do that after living here for 30 years and being from Texas. Mobility plan doesn't even really consider a lot of the stuff for southwest Austin in district 8 where I'm at. We've actually added -- according to the plan, there's three areas that are going to be over the sensitive areas, right at the corner of mopac and William cannon that they are looking at those areas, really sensitive areas for the watershed. What -- we've cut out bus service some of this. Brodie lane, they want to take and go ahead and look at eventually trying to make that a major corridor. The issue is how muc time do we really need to take to get enough public input through all of the games that they play, W all of the sticky notes or all of the maps and everything else, and is that information that we get from the publ ever really used to determine what the residents need? I personally cannot use mass transit since I'm self employed and have to use my vehie fcl being able to do things. But we have people in my own neighborhood that have to walk probably two miles to get to a bus stop. When we've approached capital metro at times, they actually told -- come out and talk to us I our neighborhood and said, well, you know, you can take the bus. We were at the Hampton LIBRY off of convict hill.

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They said we now have a bus route, you can get on the bus right he and go all the way to the north side of town, up to Mueller to go to the Alamo draft house. We confronted them and said why should W goe all the way there when there's an Alamo draft house less than two miles away from usnd we don't have a B to be able to get to that? So the attention to what the public or what we need, I don't think, has been covered. It's not being fully utilized or beingked at. The people that they talk to in some of these areas, and I find it amusing, that they sent out the -- the groups and the organizations that they wanted to talk to. They had like almost 200f them. There's neighborhoods that weren'tven E discussed and talked to that were in -- in arou- in the tarrytown or central part of the corridor. The areas where people arevery boisterous and tried to put those things. They said they contacted different organizations. When itacted those organizations, they had not been contacted. But that's -- that's the way it is. Even under the multi modal. There werepeople that were supposed T be part of it. There was very little participation when you look at the total number of people that actually checked in on the sign-in sheet and go from there. So I really have a problem with the way the process was done with the community involvement. There wasn't a lot based upon just looking at the raw data that they put out and pu in a report. If they didn't eve-- if they wanted to, why didn't we go farther in contacting these groups again if we just make one contact, do we make two contacts, what is it -- what is the magic number that we N to be able to determine what the public actually is going to nt to use.

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Is 5800 less than 5800 a goodber?um I say it's not. Especially when we're looking at how many billions of dollars this whole process is going to cost us. Now, I do take into account that I -- that I -- I'm glad that they reached out to the historically underutilized or the people that weren't contacted but I have to question the case when they sent out 2300 mailers or processes or surveys to people in -- meals on wheels. I understand they only got that 2300 back -- 10% of that 2300 back. You have to look at how many of those people, what type of transit are they actually using at this point in time. Thank you.

[Buzzer sounding]

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Mr. -- Mr. Hayden? Mr. Walker? Mr. Walker, I'm sorry. And then Geoffrey -- then Nick -- [indiscernible].

>> Hi.

>> Is that person here? You will be up next. I apologize, go ahead.

>> No worries. I'm Hayden Black Walker, an elected member of the pedestrian advisory council. I will make it brief. I just wanted to let you know that the we sent in a recommendation last March. I think you all have it. I have extra copies if you need it. I really wanted to talk about the process for a second. I sat personally on the citizen advisory committee for this process and I think I spent two years of my life, maybe more I'm not sure, but I watched staff go through this, do the scenario planning, come up with ideas, work directly with Capital Metro, because as you know the city owns the city's rights of way, but Capital Metro is running service.

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It's really important for the two entities to be working together. I think staff did a really incredible job and the spreadsheets that they developed that took in all of the feedback that they got from boards and commissions and then addressed each of those recommendations and figured out what needed to be added and what didn't was extremely helpful and very, very much appreciated. I think that they addressed almost everything that the requested that they look at, including speed management, including signals at places where there's potentially pedestrian movements that aren't there today. Keeping sidewalks free of obstructions and thinking about emerging technology. So I don't have anything to say -- anything else to say other than I think it's really, really important that this -- this as a project leads with safety. That it prioritizes human life. I was born and raised in Austin and I really, really appreciate the effort shown here and hope to see it approved. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

>> Mayor: Thank you, Ms. Walker. Nick [indiscernible] is Lyza Wimberly here as well. Come on down, you'll be next.

>> I'm Nick, the president of the Highland neighborhood association. And I'm here to advocate for the removal of a traffic island that we call the pork chop which blocks westbound traffic on Morrow Street.

from highland from being able to cross into crestview, crossing north Lamar. I've got a video that I would like to show you all of me going to pick up my son at brentwood elementary school at about 5:00 P.M., taking morrow street across Lamar.

[♪ Music playing ♪]

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That's the pork chop right there on the left.

>> I wasn't dringvi while that was being shown. Eifmy was.

[Laughter].

>> That's I so we can see how that affects our mobility. I have a few more minutes, a minute or 30 seconds or something.

>> Mayor Adler: Not quite.

[Buzzer sounding]

>> We have about two ways to get from crestview to hig lapped. So thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you, is Barbara Mcarthur here?

>> The sheet that I handed out in front of me motion sheet basically shows that drive.

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I think his drive, that covers less than point one of a mile is what he just showed us.

>> Mayor Adler: We do know it takes exactly three minutes.

>> Casar: Fast forward.

[Laughter]. Is Barbara Mcarthur here? There you are. You will start in a second. You have time donated to you from chip Harris, is chip Harris here? Okay. Is Jeff jack here? Okay. So when you, Y G will be going next, you will have seven minutes. Why don't you go ahead.

>> Hi. My name is Lisa Wimberly. First of all I want to second what the gentleman before me said. I think that pork chop is just unjust. I'm a long-time resident of rosedale where I'mkyuc to be able to frequently choose my bike over driving a car. I would love to make my neighborhood accessible to more people who can take advantage of these planet saving amenities. We must make transit supported density a reality if we are serious about making our city environmentally sustainable. We desperately need to prioritize public transit over cars. This is not about takin away cars or making it impossible to drive. This is about getting people a better choice, making it easier for people to leave their car at home. Please

make asmp as robust and forward looking as it aims to be. Please don't delay. Our planet can't wait.
Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

[Applause] You have seven minutes.

>> Hi. I'm speaking for ANC, not myself today. That's the Austin neighborhoods council. I have a short presentation on some of our cs on the asmp. Next slide. Okay. So the first thing that ANC is concerned a is the transportation leading new use processes. We understand that you want to increase density near high capacity transit. But the policies that are being suggested in the docume, such as -- up the density one T four blocks from all of the corridors and below to change the zoning right now so you're going to have a lot of middle housing will occur a lot before fixed transit.

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So here's a list of questions here and you'll have a list of these questions.

>> Mayor Adler: Can you get a little closer to the mic. Some people are having trouble hearing you.

>> Okay. We have a list of questions and we hope that you will consider the questions. Among them are things like how will this increase demolition and displacement and how many of the existing neighborhoods will remain after the imposition of these transit zones. Okay. Next thing that we wanted to -- to comment on was parking and -- several of your commissions proposed to remove all parking requirements. And the other thing is market rate parking. So how will this impact residential streets? How will -- where will the new commercial property people park? And how will low income people and those on fixed incomes who need to use their vehicles be impacted? And where do you fit in the requirement for ADA compliance basis with those kinds of rules? The next thing we're talking about ... Oh, I'm sorry. Is sidewalks and pedestrian esp we really commend your recommendation to improving pedestrian traffic. We're very supportive of that. Right now we are missing 2200 miles of sidewalks, which is almost 50% of the system and the existing sidewalks are 80% in substandard condition. And many of us are forced to walk in the middle of the streets and yet we cannot get the city to move on lowering the speed limit on streets. We've met with the head of transportation several times. And it's a no-go. I think every neighborhood where people have to walk in the streets, the speed limit should be 20 or 25. Not 30, 35 or 40.

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Another thing we are talking about is the suggestion that traffic is being forced into neighborhood streets. There's talk about putting delineates in a lot of large streets and forces traffic to circle through neighborhoods and big delivery truck to circle in neighborhoods just because they can't get to their destination because they are blocked from turns. And so I think you just have to consider and measure

the amount of traffic in all L area street 400 trips increased with a new business because they can't access the business on Burnet road. Next. And another thing we're talking about is that you want to not consider traffic as you have in the past, which is to see how increased traffic will impact the road system. Instead we're going to go to traffic design management and this is a particular concern to the neighborhoods in developing areas that will have a lot of green space. And what happens if the TDM doesn't work and infrastructure has never been repaired? How will failure of the traffic design management impact travel to neighborhood streets and, most importantly, will traffic design management be tied to specific uses in neighborhood plans or will it be one size fits all? And then the environmental impacts. With increased density in building and increased impervious cover, but right or by redevelopment, how will funding be impacted by this? How much infrastructure and at what cost will be required to control the increase in runoff increased density will cause. We know that TDM engineers can come up with solutions but at that cost and how effective they can be. And then my final slide, I was on the urban transportation commission and I worked a L on T 1995 plan. And that's a plot from it. Where it predicted that if we made all of these land use changes and we did all of these things, we would have 7.5 million people riding the buses every month to work.

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I think sometimes introspection is a good thing. We're at a quarter of where we said we would be. This year. Jeff? Do you want to make a statement? Jeff was going to make a final comment. So I think introspection is always a good thing before we put all of our aspirations on how our city works on changing people's behavior. I support transit, I support pedestrian. I support reduced parking in a lot of places, but we have to have a dose of reality, too.

>> How much? One minute. Appreciate the opportunity to speak to the council today. Because I'm having a déjà vu moment. 20 years ago on the capital metro advisory committee leading up to the election. The city staff produced a map showing the station locations in Brentwood, Crestwood and Wooten neighborhoods with a quarter mile or a half mile circle around each one of them, called it up zoning. We put the cart before the horse then, are we putting the cart before the horse now? We don't have real numbers with regard to what it's going to cost the public to do this and I think we're putting the situation so that we're looking at a déjà vu from last time that we tried to do urban rail in the city. The community needs to know this data before we make decisions on the adoption of this plan. Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Thank you. Next speaker is Jose Minors?

>> Hello. I wanted to speak in favor of the amendment to item 33, the pork chop. First and foremost, as part of Ima Ausen, it was a priority for us to have a more compact and connected city, this does not align with that.

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There's really no east or west thoroughfare connected the highland neighborhood to the crestview neighborhood unless we want to either participate in the intersection that is often congested at airport and Lamar where metro rail is crossing, which has caused a host of problems for the entire area. The other option is, as you saw in Nick's video, to -- to cross Lamar at a very dangerous intersection where you're not protected from ongoing traffic that's headed south or that is continuing to accelerate at a fast pace as they speed off of 183 going south. So you really take your life at risk or you put your life at risk when you are I don't saying an intersection -- when you are crossing an intersection to get to Anderson lane. It would also give me and those who live east of Lamar and north of airport and south of 183 their access to the closest, non-specialty grocery store. From a distance perspective if we take Anderson that adds .6 miles. We could simply take more important road with the -- morrow with the pork chop renewed. I feel from a socio-economic perspective, the crestview neighborhood has been traditionally more affluent. Also a lot of racial disparity. Whereas highland has more people of color. Crestview has not historically. And on top of that, I think that this is coupled with other challenges, including the Gates that are within the crestview station and midtown common neighborhood that prevent those residents from going on to Lamar, even though they're in the same neighborhood and they are constituents of district 7, just like the rest of district 7, they, us like us, are subjected to the values of crestview, which to me seem to be values of -- of a lack of unity and it seems they embrace division for those reasons I am speaking in favor.

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>> Thank you, sir, the next speakers I Carolyn omera. Then Janice Rankin followed by Curtis Rogers.

>> Hello. My name is Carolyn omera, I'm a resident of district 7, specifically increase view neighborhood. I'm here to speak in favor of councilmember Casar's motion to remove the park chop on morrow. I have lived in crestview for more than 10 years. We chose to buy our home there for two main reasons, the amenities and how the grid construction allows for safe and convenient access to the city of Austin. We wanted to live in an urban neighborhood in the middle of a major city and crestview offered us that. The pork chop locks residents from biking or walking safely across the morrow street. It's a physical barrier. It has safe access across Lamar to highland at morrow. When you looked back you saw the difference, it's very stark. We are a high opportunity neighborhood. In councilmember Casar's motion he lays out the comparisons. These are all reasons that the pork chop should go away. Morrow has more traffic calming and more safety features than other streets in crestview. It has a full sidewalk on the south side of the street and I'm very happy that additional sidewalks are being considered on that street and elsewhere. The alternative of going north to the dangerous Anderson U turn is really not acceptable and I just want to say it's more than three minutes and -- and that final turn when you have the southbound traffic coming at you can be terrifying. And the best quote that I have ever heard was there's pieces of cars all over that intersection.

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The amenities in crest and brentwood are significant, they include Brent wood park, little deli, arlins, many churches that host community events as well, sunrise market, Brent wood elementary school. For example, historically many transfers from highland to brentwood elementary school and those families should have safe access across Lamar during rush hour. Other amenities clouds the arro sea mixed use path, bike lanes and kind of in conclusion that I'm really excited that the proposal is for a bike activated way across Lamar because then it will connect with all of the existing bike infrastructure, which is a really important thing for me personally. Thank you very much.

>> Thank you.

[Applause]

>> The next speaker is Janice Rankin, Curtis Rogers, then Tracy Ferguson.

>> Thank you, mayor pro tem. And councilmembers. I appreciate you listening to my comments on item 33 about the rev version of the asmp, Austin strategic mobility plan. I want you to urge you to postpone any action on this today since the plan was first passed two weeks ago, staff and at least eight city commissions have made hundreds of suggested revisions. Staff has not had enough time, although they are very cape, tbl incorporate all of these changes in a new comprehensive document for you to review and for T public to understand. I would ask that you postpone your action and I appreciate the public hearing today. I would urge that in your communications with the public, that you be up front about what the effects of the asmp would do. Tell the voters of Austin what the plan is going to do and not do. And that the city is already looking for properties T acquire to increase residential density. Many of these transportation policies will help pedestrians and bicyclists and that's great.

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Yet more challenges for vehicle drivers and will not make the roads easier or quicker for them to use. That plan is about more than just transportation. The single family homes of our neighborhoods are in the cross hairs. This plan would increase density for one-half mile oneach size of these transportation corridor roways. These transition Zones arecreated by the plan -- actuallylike displacement Zones. Th are one mile wide if you take into account the street down the middle. It could create an asphalt and concrete jungle compl with 18-foot center wide medians, how many heritage trees will we lose, how much impervious cover increase by affecting our watershed adversely. I urge you to seek fta grants that we qualify for now without ha to go through this intense effort to push density in these one-half mile swaths aroundand through our neighborhood. If we could qualify for fta grants now without having to mess with the density D then we could move forward on our transportation needs now. Weave H a need for traffic relief now. Not five, not seven, not 10, not 15 years in advance. After we've gone through all of thiscess of trying to increase density. The minimum wage workers need affordable housing, yes, absolutely.el however, think about what their income is likely to . If they were working for seven and a quarter an hour and working 30 hours a week, capped because of the employer doesn't want them to be full time, they are earning about \$870 a month. That's not going to get you a studio or affordable O

bedroom on burnet road in some of the existing apartment complexes that are there. The public needs to know that the city is already considering properties to acquire to increase the residential density and the city staff is developing criteria for selecting those properties. If the property owner isn't interested in selling, will that mean that the city might move to condemn tt property? That would deny owners the right to keep or sell their property to a different buyer of their choosing of time and price.

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[Buzzer sounding]. Just ask you to pay attention to where our neighborhood families will live if we have to move further out commute from areas not served by mass transit we have gained nothing. Keep Austin beautiful and thank you for your time.

>> Thank you. Curtis Rogers? Then Tracy Ferguson.

>> Hi, my name is Curtis Rogers, I'm a resident of district 3, an alternate member of the BAC. I urge you to vote yes. I want to stress my continued support for removing parking minimum city wide like Austin has readal done downtown. In addition I want to highlight the importance of unbundling parking. Today most Austin apartment renters are forced to pay for parking because it is bundled with their rent. This leads to higher rates of car ownership which leads to more vehicle miles traveled per person. On the topic of speed limit, reducing speed limit is great and should be done, but we must also consider the design of the road and how it can affect the vehicle speed. Protected bike lanes are one way to help lower veh speeds. As many of you, there's recently a bike fatality O mlk. Jessica was killed when her bike collided with an SUV. Three years ago she wrote this on Facebook. I remember when my dad taught me and my sisters how to drive a truck. The first thing he said was any vehicle is a dangerous weapon that you will use on a daily basis. I wish everyone could be driving like this. Put down your phone and pay attention to the road. Please be aware of the road and be kind to cyclists. End quote. The design of the road is an important factor of how fast vehicles go and how they interact with cyclists, please consider street design as a tool for both of these. I understand the benefit offering free parking to people make public comment. Also explore offering free bus passes and bike share credit for citizens who are not able to take advantage of the free parking but would still like to make public comment. Thanks.

>> Thank you.

>> Hi, I'm Tracy Ferguson a member of highland neighborhood.

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When you see Nick next time our president you should congratulate him for successfully traversing that turn around on Lamar. It's what luckily only slightly less dangerous than when you continue west to Anderson. When you have to go where he did the turn around and go straight, it's as if you are in a game of whack a mole, because the cars are coming, there's no way, no stopping for them. Always somebody coming. So you are just waiting for a big enough space of time and I'm speaking for myself, but I'm just one

of many people who does this type of activity. I care -- I'm a part-time caregiver for a great niece who lives in the crestview neighborhood. Every time we have her, which is three days a week, at least twice a day we are traversing that very spot. With her and two dogs in the car, it's a stressful situation. So -- every time it makes me nervous, it makes her nervous, the traffic does not stop well. Another alternative has been to go by the -- the railroad tracks on Lamar. On a good day if the traffic is coming, there's no other problem, you still have, if you get stopped by that traffic, a six minute wait. So that's not a good alternative at all. So I'm speaking in support of the amendment to remove the pork chop and I thank you all for your work for the city.

>> Thank you, ma'am. Damon house? I don't know if you pronounced that right, I'm sorry. Then after Damon is Robert Foster, then [indiscernible] White.

>> Hi, I'm Damon

[indiscernible]. Past president of highland neighborhood association. I was president for six years. I'm also speaking for Dorothy Johns who started our neighborhood association and was president for 10 and for Geoffrey Hill who was president for two. So I'm representing 18 years of presidents at the highland neighborhood association who have worked to have the pork chop removed.

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Everybody is talking about taking it away, I want to tell you why the pork chop was put in. When they were putting in the 183 flyover, the construction and traffic on Research Boulevard was so bad that traffic was backing up all the way to blow to people starting using Morrow Street to avoid that structure and all of that traffic. And it created unwarranted traffic for them. So the pork chop was put in to stop people from choosing that cut -- using that cut-through. But there's been a couple of decades ago. We have -- last time we were here, we were in front of the traffic -- council traffic committee where Sheryl Coal and Laura Morrison and Chris Riley voted to remove this pork chop and Chris Riley put on there that it maybe should not be removed until there were sidewalks put on the north side of Morrow M but increase view -- was so adamant about keeping this closed that there has been no effort to put sidewalks on the north side of Morrow. As you heard, most of the churches in our neighborhood are on the north side of Lamar. Our neighbors going to those churches have to make that U turn at Anders Lane, which for the last 10 years has been one of the five most dangerous intersections in the city for accidents. So it is a very dangerous intersection that we're being forced to go through. That's for people going to church. Also the people that are taking their children to those churches for preschools and daycare, on Morrow Street, Crestview Baptist Church, Increase View Methodist and St. Louis Catholic Church are all on Morrow Street.

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That's why we want to go west on morrow to get to those things and to the grocery stores as you have heard. We've heard for a couple of decades now that at one point a child was hit by a car on morrow and killed. And because we do have great empathy for that loss, for those people and that child and that neighborhood, we don't think that decades later it's a reason to keep that intersection closed.

[Buzzer sounding]

>> So I ask you open up that intersection.

>> Thank you, sir. Robert Foster and

[indiscernible] White and Matt Armstrong.

>> Hello. I would like to thank you guys for your time. And I'm here to speak in favor of item 33, but I will push you to be bold in two directions that I think are important to the city's mobility in this city. The first one is we speak of protected bike lanes in the policy, but we really need to be doing the concrete ones. Those boulevards, they are fine. If you guys go down Denson road, that lacrosse team goes right around the boulevards and park right on that protective bike lane every afternoon. There's nothing that we do about it. If you go down Rio Grande, the only people that go on the concrete are big trucks if we're going to protect bike lanes, let's spend the extra money, do it properly the first time. Secondly, when it comes to bus rapid transit, we're going to take away some lanes. It's going to be paid. A lot of people will stand up here and talk about losing a lane on Guadalupe. If not, those buses are ever stuck -- are stuck in traffic or going in and out of the lane. We need to follow the best practices, take away the center lanes and put in stations there. At will put people on those buses. If you go down to Mexico City they have proper bus rapid transit there. Those buses going down some of the most congested roadways are packed with commuters and flying about all of the soft cars.

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I know it's going to be difficult, but I know you guys are laying out a great framework for this in item 33 and thank you guys for your time. Let's build an Austin we can all be proud of.

[Applause]

>> Thank you.

>> Kitchen: I want to --

>> Casar: I want to thank Mr. Foster, he makes sure 37th street lights happen every year, I really appreciate that.

>> Is [indiscernible] White here? I didn't see her. Matt Armstrong? Thank Alicia or Eliza --

>> Good afternoon, I'm Matthew Armstrong, thank you everybody for making the time for this specific issue. Wanting to talk about the removal of the porkchop. I live in Crestview for seven years, I served as the neighborhood association president for two of those years at a time when the midtown commons development started to get full and open up. In addition a lot of what we worked on was bringing those

resident to be more active in our association, along with trying to repair some of the damage to the relationship historically that's happened with the highland neighborhood association. So I can attest to everything that they have said about the kind of combativeness that has existed between crestview and its prior executive committees and some of the folks that are here today. That's an ongoing thing, we try to work that fix that by getting people to work together around a couple of different things. But the porkchop kept getting in the way. It's very difficult for different associations to work together when there's this kind of longstanding issue and that would seem to not be a big deal, but actually is for all of the reasons that everne said. Kids need to go to school, people need to go to church, people need to be able to drive safely. So again I think everyone here made great points why we should get rid of it. I can attest inside crestview, a person that served inside the leadership committee, a lot of people would like to see that go for all of these reasons that highland is saying.

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I so urge you to make that happen. At still, thank you very much.

>> Garza: Thank you.

[Applause] Elijah or --

>> Alicia.

>> I'm Alicia van Dusen a resident of the highland neighborhood. I have to go pick up my children, I'd like to reiterate everything everyone else has says, the porkchop, the impact for being able to exit the neighborhood just just crestview for the church and schools that we use, but also the inability at that point on more to be able to turn left on to Lamar and exit that way. Please consider our safety that we are going northbound in making that loop in the video that Nick showed. Thank you all, have a lovely day.

>> Thank you. Margo cherco, imothy bray, Mary frow.

>> Hi, I live on 207 east 46th street. And I'm concerned about the winters development. They are building a high rise parking 1500 spaces for the state building there. And I know they have the use of the property there, but my concern is that if they're not careful with the curb cut of how they do access their parking and exit, that people are going to start trying to use 46 street as a cut-through. Or a faster lane to get to work and from work. We already have 45th street on the other end of our block and that's awfully busy. But I do have to thank whoever put the pedestrian crossing light there. It works, we use it all of the time, thanks for that. The only thing that I can think of other than like a curb cut, there is a sign on Guadalupe going south towards 45 and it says do not enter.

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You could do the same sign, it could be as simple as a sign at the corner of avenue a and 46th street. Do not enter. Should W slow, if people start trying to do that, wthld slow the traffic. Because we already have parking on both sides of the curb from theorrs who are working in that building. And when the employees come I think it's doubled the number of parking spaces. I'm very worried we are shredding our neighborhood. We already have 45th cutting through it. We are part of Hyde park. We have bike lanes that are proposed for 46th street. Which is great. You know, bikes and walkers, in my -- the only reference that I have is visiting my kids at Berkeley and in the Berkeley neighborhood they had this problem and they put like posts in the ground to circumvent traffic so that pedestrians and bicycles can go through but cars can't. They can be pulled up if Yo have an emergency need or a change. Anyway, I would just like to protect my neighborhood.

>> Garza: THA you. Timoy bray? >> All right. Thank you for all uin to speak to you. I'm in favor of this. I to encourage you guys to be bold W this. It's a really great opportunity for us to change the way that we do things. But I think sometimes this gets framed as like we're getting rid of cars. That's not the case. Like most of our infrastructure right now is devoted to cars. I don't know the exact percentage, probably 80 to 90%. Talking about a marginal change from 90 to 80 or 80 to 60%. Still people Wil B able to drive, but it's about equality, it's about making all options equal to each other and not just having cars as our primary mode of transit.

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I want to give an anecdote. A lot of people like to talk about heat. I did a lot the ride share during south-by-southwest to earn extra money. Oh, yeah Austin he in the 70s, back home it's about 10-degrees outside and, you know, we talk about heat. Well, weon't have the kind of cold. Weon't have blizzards very often. Our climate is actually pretty good for walking, biking. Really only super hot one or two months out of the year, three. The rest of the year it' great. You know, another thing that I would like to bring up I community. You can walk around your community, you meet more of your neighbors, runnto people when you are driving maybe not -- someone you alre know, but you D't meet your neighbors, see your neighborhood as well. I think we W good neighborhoods, having walkable communities where people are interacting with each other is the best thing. Also, I think more bike lanes, especially with the scooters, scooters and bikes go about the same speed and because so many people are using scooters it's a great opportunity to increase our bike infrastructure and hav some synergy there. And just wanted to thank you for Yo time and hope you all take some balanced action on this.

>> Garza: Thank you. Mary farrow and then Tina Barrett is the last saker.

>> Good afternoon, mayor and councilmembers. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I have registered in opposition to the strategic mobility plan with my primary concern being the half mile focus for increased density in the neighborhoods next to these prioty transit networks. I live relatively close to burnet road. Like the previous speaker, I also think that walkability and bicycling and neighborhoods -- in neighborhoods is great. I do some of that myself and enjoy talking to my neighbors quite a B.

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I think many of us share some of the same goals for making Austin better. There is already a great deal of change happening in established neighborhoods. Providing additional incentives to make that happen faster and in a broader way is something that I have concerns about. The change that is happening certainly is coming. But transforming these neighborhoods in a major way is something that I would really like you to consider. Many of the neighborhoods that run from Burnet Road in my area U to 183 and beyond and south of us as well if you consider how far that half mile goes on either side, you're talking about essentially the majority of these established neighborhoods. And I'm sure that's true in other parts of the city as well. So while I support much what you are focusing on, I do ask that you consider this effort to increase the density so much in our neighborhoods. Thank you very much.

>> Thank you.

>> Garza: I said Tina Barrett, she signed up for but does not wish to speak. I want to make sure that's right. Anybody else who was wanting to speak and did not get called? All of those were all of the speakers.

>> I have a question for staff.

>> Garza: Go ahead a councilmember pool.

>> Pool: I have a question for staff, for transportation staff. If someone could -- the point about the corridor and half mile density, it relates to the strategic mobility plan, and densities has been talked about in the community and I'm not sure everybody understands how it is that the city is using that measurement.

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And if you could, and my understanding is, we are talking about densities with relation to transit stops within a quarter or half mile of transit stops or a corridor in order for us to be able to apply or that's a criteria for some federal grants and is separate and apart from our discussions of density as they relate to housing and the land development code. Could you speak to that for us, Mr. Spiller? Just to help with the general understanding of how we are using the terminologies and how one thing applies here but not necessarily there? If I have it correct, of course.

>> Yes, councilmember. Let me try, Robert Spiller, director of transportation. First of all, this is a transportation plan. And so you will notice we typically use the wording support higher densities in relative -- within a quarter mile or half mile of the transit network. What we're talking about is the access to transit. We know that higher densities tend to drive higher transit ridership and as this community engages in a discussion of trying to build or justify a larger transit system, we are trying to make sure that our regional transportation plan responds to the need for -- to support those higher densities those higher densities show up based on council policy from the land use planning that we make

sure that we have the transit access and transit capabilities there. The quarter mile and half mile come from typical federal transit administration studies in the past that we know -- you know, when I started career, it was always a quarter mile. That was how far we thought people would walk. We now know, especially in communities like Austin, that people will walk even further to get to transit. So it's just recognizing that that typical distance is somewhere in that quarter mile to a half mile.

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Someone else also pointed out that given our current street networks, you may live very close to a transit stop, but by the time you follow the sidewalk network and the trail network and so forth to get to the stop, you are probably at that half mile pretty quickly. And so that's how we have used T here is to try to recognize that -- that that is typically that -- the transit shed for each of those stops, with regards to -- to the transit system. And so -- so we know that there's a companion LAN U discussion going on, but what we're trying to reflect is that there we have those higher dense communities, where council decides to have those higher densities, that we want to support it with that higher capacity transit.

>> Pool: On the distance, is that measured by walking or is it as the crow flies?

>> So again this is kind of a fuzzy area. I think we're talking, you know, straight lines, so I guess that would be assuming a crow flies straight, that would be a straight line. But it's trying to, you know, to fit a simple measurement around a much more complicated discussion. And we know that within any time we have that quarter mile, half mile, staff is going to help me add to, these may be barriers to pedestrian access and so forth, but it's generally speaking in a general area, yes.

>> Pool: When you get to that, is that a criteria for fta grants? Is that one of the measurements?

>> Yes.

>> Yes, >> Yes.

>> We did prepare some slides about this issue. The half mile distance is as the crow flies, so straight line. That is the fta measure. What I wanted to show you was difference between as the crow flies and what's considered a network distance or grid stand. So along south Lamar, as you can see on the left, as the crow flies, half mile buffer, this is a screen shot from capital metro's dot priority tool, then on the right you have the distance, the red polygon is that half mile that's measured as if you were walking along the street.

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You can clearly see, based on a grid network, the half mile reach is actually -- could be severely limited. In this case, you have the railroad on the eastern half that completely limits access to south Lamar. In comparison, you have a really good grid system in east Austin, near east Austin, that almost matches the entire half mile as the crow fly distance. So the important thing that we wanted to point out is that you have the half mile as the crow fly distance that's used as the fta criteria, so that's

ultimately what you have to use in your application. However, we would use that network distance in planning, regards to land use planning, mobility planning, to make sure that there aren't barriers to access so you can actually have that result on the right.

>> Pool: So we can see from here how it is that some of our -- some of our community members are in need that this is specifically speaking to the land development code, though we are using it here for the strategic mobility plan and criteria for grants so that we might be able to get some funding to help us be able to implement our different visionary plan

>> Right. And I wanted to clue in on something that Mr. Kitton said. From the transportation perspective, our primary objective will be to remove barriers to that access transit in that quarter half mile area.

>> Pool: Thank you so much.

>> I can hand the chair back to you. Council members are asking questions of staff and councilmember kitchen was next.

>> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I wanted to follow up on the previous conversation. Just to be clear, and thank you, councilmember pool, for those questions there's been some confusion in the public about -- you know, about the asmp and what it means, and I just want to reiterate what you said, which this is a guide for how we do with our transportation network.

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There are many decisions that need to be made still about the land development code. Because something is written into the asmp does not mean it's been decided on the land development code. So I want people to understand that. The conversations that we will be having about neighborhoods and density in neighborhoods, important conversations, that's not this conversation. So I just want to make sure that people understand that. The goal here is to make sure that we've got what we need in place as councilmember pool said, to support transit and to support, you know, as you all said, the ability to walk and ride in our neighborhoods and to get to transit and those kinds of things.

>> And remove those barriers. Barriers.

>> Kitchen: Remove those barriers, there are sidewalk barriers, there are bicycle barriers, they may be road barriers in terms of connectivity, they could be a whole range of things. That's what this is about and I don't want people to be confused because we still have those other conversations.

>> Alter: Yeah, I wanted to add to that, too, to provide context to those who are here and those that may be watching, how -- the way I've explained this before, to my constituents, is -- the roadway connections in here are not -- we don't even know where some of that funding would come from. There seems to be a lot of confusion, and rightfully so, about if we approve this, that's the map that we're going to -- we have funding for and we're going to go start building these roads. This is just -- you know,

we have our imagine Austin plan that has activity centers and things that don't even exist right now, and imagine Austin has, you know, been in existence for quite some time. So this is just adding to that vision, to that plan of how we want to create better connectivity and how you have to have these conversations in conjunction, while we are not talking about the land development code right now, you have to have those conversations together.

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The example I gave the other day at the mobility committee is there are parts of my district in see the southeast Austin where there's significant growth going on and constituents are very upset about the lack of connectivity in that area, and that's how we have to think about these two together. We could -- we have to plan for that growth so when those neighborhoods start to bud out, as they are in southeast Austin, for example we have a plan at least, and this gives us the opportunity to get those projects ready and to find the funding. So I just want -- I appreciate you adding that, councilmember Kitchen. And it looks like I am the chair again so do any other councilmembers --

>> Pool: I just had one follow-on.

>> Garza: Can we recognize there are other councilmembers?

>> Pool: You bet. I just have a follow-on, no they're going away --

>> Garza: They're not. Councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: Thank you. I think this point -- we've heard a lot of feedback about a couple of different issues with the asmp draft that are causing concern, and this is certainly one of them. And I think what I think the explanation you just offered is consistent with the original language in the plan. I think what happened is, when we had a planning commission amended that I think the staff are recommending be incorporated, it added in language that says -- that now says revised zoning and/or bonuses to allow for and incentivize transit-supported densities -- that's number one -- and require a mixture of land uses along the transit priority network, so halves in the original, then it goes on to say, and within a half mile of planned capacity transit in a manner that blends with and is sensitive to existing forms of housing. But it extends the requirement to have a mixed use of land uses within that half mile radius.

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It no longer sounds like we're talking about accessing transit, it sounds like we're being directive about having a multitude of uses within residential area, if it's within that half mile, which your maps and other maps show, really extends across -- I mean encircles multiple, multiple neighborhoods and would contain all of them. So I think we have an amendment from councilmember Alter that may take care of it, but I just want to recognize and articulate the -- I think the -- again, I think the explanation you offer makes sense with your original language. As it got extended and brought in by the planning commission, it really

becomes about land -- it starts to sound like a dictive on land use rather than an assertion about connectivity to the network. >> Es, ma'am. And there may have been an unintentional expansion. That said, you know, diversity of land uses does add to better transit usage often, not to be mixed up with mixed use transit and mixed use development. I'm not talking about that, I'm talking just a diversity of land uses, that can make individual transit, both destinations as well as generations of traffic, so was not intentional if we created a land use overtone there.

>> Tovo: But those are going to be on the --

>> Yeah.

>> Tovo: I think it's a different matter and really one that has T take up in a land use conversation about whether those mixed uses start extending into areas that are traditionally residential.

>> Right.

>> Tovo: Okay. So thanks. Again, I think as we look at some of the other amendments, it may be taken care of, but it's helpful -- it's very helpful to know the staff's intent of the asmp, you to see this as being directive of land uses, it really's about the coactivity back to the corridor.

>> I believe that's correct.

>> Tovo: Okay.

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Thanks.

>> Gza: Councilmember Ellis, then councilmember Flannigan.

>> Ellis: I know that I've had a previous conversation with unique, especially about the lane widening. So I wanted to take a moment to kind of daylight what you and your team have been working on in rdsga to that specific part of this plan.>> Thank you. Anique bodet, Austin transportation. That's correct. During phase IV public engagement, when Ms were out, in the street network table, we have a lot of recommendations for expansion of capacity on certain roadways, and E willcartment was one of them in your district. While recommendations on many streets within the street network table -- at the beginning of the process, we talked about how the Austin strategic mobility plan was going to inventory all streets in Austin, what they are today, what they need to be, with regards to right-of-way, specifically, to get that number updated as it relates to right-of-way dedication that is -- that we are allowed to acquire through the development process through the land development code, so we did that, but in many cases, expansion of capacity for motor vehicles can happen within the existing pavement. And we're expanding the right-of-way in some cases to be able to have improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities behind the curb. So the discussion was that there's multiple streets within the table that are slated for expansion that can be done within the existing pavement, and ecartment was one of them, so that's W just a clarification with the cycle C homeowners association that doesn't apply to many other -- many other roadways in the plan.

>> Ellis: Okay. So everything will happen within the existing pavement, and then right-of-way acquisition beyond that would be specifically for bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

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>> Correct. At's correct.

>> Ellis: Okay. Thank you.

>> Garza: Councilmember Flannigan.

>> Flannigan: Yeah. So I just want to do kind of add some thoughts on the land use mentle of this conversation because I also heard the community be confused on exactly what the asmp does. It is not possible, it is neither directive nor technically possible for the asmp to change zoning or land uses. In fact the only place in which it provides direction is back to us, because we are the only ones, as the council who makes decisions on land use changes or mixof uses. So, you know, I T kn'w that we need to go into that debate too far down the road because ultimately happens during the code rewrite, and I'm appreciative of staff -- you kind of work through language. I mean, the notion that, you know, the planning commission put in blends in with and is insensitive to existing forms of housing, it goes BAC the conversation we had on Tuesday about I have a picture in my mind what I think that's referring to, and I don't like it, but it's probably not the same picture in thin M of other members of the council, and so if I don't have an example to point to, which we will have in a land use conversation, it's almost impossible for us to have the debate because if I've got a single family home and that family is moving away and it's on a corridor, tn it should not remain a single-family home because that family doesn't need it to be a single-family home anymore, it can be something that has more intensesse appropriate to a transit corridor. Not the point of the asmp debate and a debate we will, thankfully, as a community be having to the heels of the asmp, one of the most amazing and unique moments in history of this city, that we are able to both simultaneously talk about the long-term planning of our transportation in this column and the long-term planning of our land use and development in this column and we're having those conversations at the same time, which I don't know the Ty maybe has ever done. And that's what's so exciting about this a also why I'm not going to try to wordsmith the asmp too much on these points today.

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>> Mayor Adler: Still Mo questions for staff while we have staff up here? Councilmember pool?

>> Pool: Thanks. Is Cole here? I'll toss Thi to Cole. Can you talk to us a little bit about the averaging? This is the original questions I was asking you about density and quarter and half mile so the last question I wanted to ask on that topic was, can you talk about the averaging over the whole corridor, when you are measuring d?ty make surei'm understanding this right. If we're looking for a certain percentage density and we're look at, say, Lamar, which extends pretty far north and south, we're looking at the

average of the density all along that entire corridor, not saying that this specific metric of density has to be everywhere along the corridor. Corridor, which is my understanding.

>> What goes into that is looking at a route from end to end understanding that some of the end destinations have far more intense the intensity than others. The example of every route that goes into downtown, every route is getting that level of intensity to go into tire calculation, so it's not that every node along the route has to be at the highest rating, but based on the context of each node or station, some could be higher rating than others, but at the end of the day, the average asos the route is what applies.

>> Pool: Okay. Great. And that peak S to the context sensitivity that -- term that we were also using at our work session on Tuesday.

-- I hope that's also helpful to folks that are trying to be a quick study on these terms, just like the rest of us here, to understand what it is we're talking about and what we mean.

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Thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Further questions O staff while we have staff here? We ready to work our way through amendments? Councilmember alter, do you want to --

>> Alter: I will probably need to talk with staff when I propose some alternative language when we get to the approach the phase.

>> Mayor Adler: Certainly can.

>> Alter: I'm sure they're not going anywhere.

>> Mayor Adler: No. Please don't whnygoere. All right. Let's work our way through the amendments and let's see where we are. Let's go through, Mr. Flannigan, you have motion sheet number 1. Mr. Flannigan moves motion sheet number 1. Is there a second to that? All right. Councilmember harper-madison seconds that. Is there any objection to this amendment sheet number 1? Mr. Flannigan?

>> Flannigan: I think it's important to be within motion sheet number 1, my emotions 1, 2, and 3, aols relate to map change in district 6. Within motion sheet number 1, there is a road connection drawn on the 2222 corridor by vanriff high school. There's some confusion in the community about this. These maps are not engineering documents, they are not specifically to the square inch where T roads are going to go. This is a road project that's really important to the northwest of town because the high school and middle school camps only have one road in, one road out, and this line would draw a road through an existing developed area, the 3M property, where there are already road connections, they're just property roads, it doesn't go through sensitive areas, through preserve or water quality lands, it's intended to, as that area redevelops as it will, we're leveraging the existing infrastructure, therefore, public purpose, just so we can ensure anybody's concerns this is not about putting a road through protected lands or any other preserved lands.

>> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Thank you. Yes, councilmember tovo.

>> Tovo: yes, appreciate that clarification, councilmember Flannigan. I do want to just caution that I think it's -- I think this would be undertaken with great care because it is quite near salamander habitat and bull creek so I want to acknowledge that should be an ongoing consideration as I'm sure it will be.

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>> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Councilmember Pool.

>> Pool: I wanted to speak to councilmember Flannigan's to-be as well, just to point out and support the effort that he's brought to us to give some additional and out egress opportunities for the high school and to address a longstanding concern. I'm a chair of the Balcones Canyonland coordinating committee, and this issue has been in front of us for two, maybe four years now, and we had identified a possible solution, and this is it. That is -- so I really appreciate Mr. Flannigan bringing this forward. It's an elegant solution to what is a horrifying mess, and I'm quoting from an email that I got from someone who was looking at this more specifically as we saw that this was coming up. So I want to make sure with our staff that this is, in fact, going -- not going through the bcp because I know that's what the entire effort was focused on previously by some of the folks up in Leander, the school district, sir Mr. Schlessler.

>> We've looked at the study this morning very carefully and it does not go through any public or private preserves. We agree with councilmember Tovo that it is near bull creek. We need to take care there. We need to take care about the nearby jollyville salamander but this doesn't go through the preserves.

>> Pool: Great. It looks like it connects up with the 2222 bypass; is that right? Fill so one possibility might be to exist to the existing txdot project.

>> Pool: Which I think is something we should aspire to, assuming that all of the pollution and presee controls are in place.

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So if this avoids going through the Balcones preserve and -- then I support this completely and appreciate councilmember Flannigan bringing this.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Alter.

>> Alter: I, too, want to just say I think this is an elegant solution to aspire to, to address the problem the community is having with Res and over by Vandergriff. It is also an area that is prone to wildfire and there's been concern expressed over many years about how you get those people out of that high school if there should be an incident, if there should be a wildfire, and having an additional exit if we can suggested here, find a way to do that that doesn't go through the preserve. I think it is worth the effort to try to coordinate with txdot and work to make this happen. So I appreciate councilmember Flannigan bringing this forward, and I look forward to working with you on making it a reality. All of these road

additions are aspirational, there's no funding, and there's much that has happen in terms of coordination before they can become a reality. I think it's something that we can work together on to make it.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. I haven't heard any objection. Is there any objections? Hearing none, amendment number 1s added. What Abo Flannigan motion sheet number 2? Are there any objections to that? Without objection, number 2 is added. That gets us to motion sheet number 3. Are there any objections to motion sheet number 3? Hearing none, it's added. Gets us to motion sheet number 4. We had signaled some possible issues on this, ssibpo issues. Let me ask the question, are there any objections to motion sheet number 4?

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Earlier, people had signaled 1, 3, and 6. Mayb they'e been resolved?

>> Flannigan: Mayor, I'm willing to withdraw number 6, as councilmember brought up, we went back and looked at it, and I think 8 and 9 reflect that same intent, so we don't have to worry about number 6.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. So let's remove number 6. With number 6 removed, are there any objectionso this motion sheet number 4? Hearing none, it's added. That gets us to motion sheet number 5. Mr. Flannigan, do you want to addre this?

>> Flannigan: Yes. We worked with staff and ca etro and handed out a new version that hasvisire to Flannigan number 5 at the top and reflects ultimately that the residential and employment densities that come out of capmetro reflect the fixed route bus service that is currently provided is not reflective of the type of densities you would have for higher order level of service for transit. And so I think this just addresses that as a notation without including the types of charts and graphs that you would see in ateriri manual.

>> Mayor Adler: Is staff okay with this one?

>> Yes. And just a clarification, it is actually not continued to another page, so ignore that it says continued.

>> Mayor Adl: Just that one page.

>> It ends there. >>Ayor Adler: Yes, councilmember tovo.

>> Tovo: When -- I just got it and I need a minute to read it, and I think it resolves the question I had about the earlier draft, but I need to understand what exactly -- so is it cutting -- councilmember Flannigan, you had -- you were adding -- was all of the language -- let's see.

>> Flannigan: So in the original --

>> Tovo: I see the chart is gone.

>> Lannigan: Yeah.

>> Tovo: But it looks as if you've also cut some of the text. Are you suggesting cutting some of the text that is in the plan currently? Or are you -- anyway, I think I need a few minutes to -- having a moment to read it would help, and then maybe we can come around, unless you want to just explain the textual part, any textual changes you made from the first draft -- from what is currently then as part of your amendment to this provision.

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>> Flannigan: If you would move forward, we can circle back to any number 5.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's come back number 5. Okay. Let's talk about councilmember Ellis motion sheet.

>> Ellis: Would you like me to give it a rundown?

>> Mayor Adler: Let's ask if there are any objections to Ellis motion sheet. Hearing none, that one is included. Thank you. That gets us to Casar motion sheet, has background at the top. Does anybody have any objections to this one? Councilmember Pool?

>> Pool: Yeah, I do. I had hoped to work with the neighborhoods on both sides of Lamar to try to get to an agreeable solution to this, and in fact I've been working pretty diligently to that end. You'll remember that one of the amendments to our quarter-cent plan was to include a traffic signal at Banyon and Crestland which is already banked to that and positive provide some money east-west. And I will also note that when I alerted folks who live in Crestview who had been most active on this matter, they didn't know about it and so the reason hasn't been any input from them here today. I know there have been some district 7 residents who have come and spoken about it in support, and I think because folks got late notice that Mr. Casar had put this out, that they weren't aware, and weren't able to come. So I just want to me a note for that. And if anybody is covering this issue for -- for the state, be sure to contact folks that weren't able to make it here today.

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I'm going to vote against this because I have been working diligently for a number of years to try to find a solution that will respect both sides of the concern and recognizing that this is an aspirational document, my vote against it won't keep it from being put into the asmp, but I do want to bookmark this and ask again if councilmember Casar would be willing to work with me in my office and folks who have some critical pieces of information to provide on this matter before anything actually happens on the ground, including scaring up the money to put the required sidewalks all along tomorrow, which has been, frankly, a sticking point, a funding sticking point in the past of the so I'd like to work further on this, recognize it will be put into the asmp, but I think we have a lot of work behind us and in front of us before this could -- before this achieves a really good compromise solution for both district 7 and form -- thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: Before -- actually, what we'll do, you'll take a motion -- you'll take a motion of this, there will be a second, councilmember makes a motion. Is there a second to this? Mayor pro tem. Any discussion before we vote on this amendment? Councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: Just some calculator so people understand what we're voting on, with along with the transportation department, this would give direction to remove the pork chop barrier. The project would need to be funded, so my intention to be at the next -- very next opportunity 20 come with funding -- with quarter-cent funding to remove the barrier, which resides entirely within dissect 4. We have been stalking this for years. Folks have actually been talking about it for decades but I and the council have been talking about it four years, and I think everybody is sick and tired of the conversation.

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People have given their input. And, unfortunately, the compromise solution proposed of having a light on banyon would not work because there's a gate in crestview, if people on highland drove across banyon, they wouldn't be able to get the T church or school or little league because there's a gate there. There's barriers keeping folks out. So I would propose this motion, if we pass this, this would be direction to the transportation department to remove the barrier alongside public works, and I would bring that quarter-cent funding in conversation with transportation, one of the concerns was, even though there is a sidewalk on the southern end of morrow and there are potholes on that street, there's not sidewalk along the full northern portion so I would be open to working alongside my colleagues and working myself to also bring quarter-cent money to build a sidewalk on the northern side of more, the first intersection, and my conversations with transportation, I think that that would make y'all comfortable with this move. So correct me if anything I've said there is incorrect, but I think that this will provide mobility, it'll provide connectivity, it'll make it more safe and I think it'll be better for folks on both sides of the street.

>> Mayor Adler: We need to work out the solution here on the dais --

>> All I was going to say, Mr. Mayor, is that is consistent with what we said previously, that we'd be concerned in removing the pork chop until that sidewalk were built, at least to a safe crossing where people could get to a full sidewalk, and the solution you've suggested would meet those criteria that we previously stated.

>> Casar: Just because if folks are wanting to vote on this, I'm just committing that at the next meeting I would bring the funding forward to build that piece of sidewalk, that would get rid of the pork chop. So if we vote on this, I think the vote is with this, then my commitment to bring that funding forward with folks who would remove that pork chop.

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>> Mayor Adler: Ready to vote? Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: And I would like to have thatdd anal conversation so that my office is included the planning, so that we can know what's going on and so th I'm able to inform the folks who live on the west side of Lamar along morrow, to understand what's going on, and they have an opportunity to be heard again, because they didn't have it today. I support the connectivity piece, asou all know. My concern is the safety of the pedestrians and the neighbors who are anglo morrow who are N protected at this point.

>> Mayor Adler: Sounds good.

>> Pool: Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's take a vote on this item. In favor of the Casar amen ent, raise your hand. Opposed? Everyone on the dais except for councilmemberloo voting yay. Aye.that gets us to councilmember pool's. There's two pages -- one page, thank you. 1 and 2, councilmember pool. Are there any objections or concerns with 1 and 2? This is councilmember pool motion sheet. Any objections? Hearing none, those two are added. That gets to councilmemberovo's. This was one that was highlited, but in the intervening time, the staff indicated thatouncilmember tovo's language was, in fact,orrect, appropriate. Any objection to this one being added? Hearing none, that's added as well.

>> Tovo: Mayor?

>> Mayor Adler: Yes.

Tovo: I just distributed another one, we can take it up later, I think I signaled it earlier, but I meted to say I think ias the only one that had questions -- actually, I do have a question about councilmeer Flannigan's, but I think it uld be a quick one, the one we were coming back to. So whenever you pull that one up, I think that one Wille relatively quick.

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>> Mayorer: DL'll be relative to the number 5 one that we're pulling back? Okay. Next one I have up here is councilmember rperhadison's. Councilmember kitchen, you had raised an issue. I don't know if this is something you want to raise.

>> Kit: Ch don't have any changes. I think that I just want to want --wanted to make a few comments but I think councilmember harper-madison may have a few comments, too. So I don know if she wants to go first or --

>> Mayor Adler: Why don't you --

>> Harper-madison: I think you making --

>> Kitchen: Okay. Then I wanted to speak to the language in number 1. I don't have any Chan Geis is just clarification of my understanding of it. And that's claficarion of the use of the term "Incrementally transition" to operating transit. I just wanted to state that I understand that to mean that that does not mean that we could only take onead -ro or one corridor at a time, that there might becirc stances where there's more than one road, that there's the potenal to -- to do some things along that road that transitionowards transit, so I just don't want -- I'm just wanting to make certain that we have on the

record that the use of the word "Incrementally" is not intended to limit the ability to move along any potential roadway, provided that things like the capacity -- the number of riders is met and other criteria is met.

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So...

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. With that understanding, are there any objections to councilmember --

>> Harper-Madison: Mayor, I'd like to follow up on her commentary, please.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Harper-Madison: So our intention there with incrementally was based almost exclusively on reviewing this long-term vision map and seeing how there's complete connectivity north-south, but there's shortages in my district on the east side, MLK, 7th Street, etcetera. So while I understand that highways are a point of consideration, I'd also just like to make the point to say increased ridership is a natural by-product of addressing housing stock shortages, and the growth -- excuse me -- especially transit-oriented housing stock short. And growth of the city over the next 20 years because the goal said 2039. Incrementally was to address in the next 20 years, we will inherently have more folks who are going to be riding transit in those areas. So I'd like to make certain that we don't forget about the areas that are currently underserved, underserved by way of not having enough in the way of ridership, but anticipate that ridership will increase we get our housing supply and density density-rich land use right going forward.

>> Mayor Adler: There were also some points raised with respect to item 3 when we broke before lunch. I don't know if someone -- yes, councilmember Alter. Let me thank you. I was just trying to make sure that I was understanding the intention 3 and 4, and I have some potential language in talking to staff because, unfortunately, I couldn't talk to Ms. Harper-Madison directly. But I wanted to, first all, ask, when you say prior to the build-out of all ages and abilities network, can you speak to what you have in mind?

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As I'm understanding as of now, we have several different priority networks and part of the reason staff has been thinking throughout this process and asking us not to prioritize is the point of this whole exercise is that by 2039, we would have all -- we'd be able to build out all four of those networks by the time we got there, but the all ages and abilities network is not the same thing as the bicycle priority network so, I wanted to make sure that I understood what you meant by that piece of it. So I'm totally fine with establishing the new timelines, timetables for implementation of facilities recommended in the bicycle plan and I'm totally fine with identifying funding amounts currently needed for timely completion, but I'm not understanding what it means to prioritize build-out of the all ages and abilities network beyond what we've already said in the plan to say we're going to the bicycle priority network.

>> Harper-madison: If you're proposing an amendment T the word "Prioritize," I'm completely comfortable with removing the word "Prioritize." Do you have a suggested -- suggested language that you'd refer to use there?

>> Alter: So because I didn't fully understand what you were trying to get at with that, I just took out the prioritize the build-o and just jumped to identify funding amounts currently needed for timely completion, which is what's on the top of this list on sheet 4 that is coming your way. So it would read establish new timetables for im ementation of facilities recommended in the bicycle plan and identify funding amounts currently ended for timely completion.

>> Harper-madison: Okay.

>> Alter: But I don't know if you had another intention.

>> Harper-madison: No. I think our intentions are the same and the ultimate goal is the same, in which case, like I saidefore I'd be completely comfortable removing the word "Prioritize."

>> Alter: Okay. Ank Thu.

>> Harper-madison: You're welcome.

>> Alter: Mayor, may I speak to number 4?

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>> Mayor Adler: Say it again?

>> Altermay : Speak to what's on her -- her motion sheet has number 1 and 2 because those are my motions -- myltnative wording but it's her number 4. May I speak to that one as well?

>> Mayor Adler: But were you speaking about number 3?

>> Alter: I was speaking --

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. And councilmember harper-madison was okay with taking out the word "Prioritize" so the sentence just begins build-out of all ages, abilities, network -- is that a complete sentence? Sentence? --

>> Alter: No, my wording would be establish new timetables for implementation of facilities recommend in the bicycle plan and identify fding amounts currently needed for timely completion.

>> Mayor Adler: And identify funding amounts. Okay. So the whole -- the words prioritize build out of all ages and abilities network are the words that are being deleted.

>> Alter: Yes.

>> Mayor Adl: Iserhat okay, councilmember harper-madison?

>> Harper-madison: Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: And it's also shown at the top of councilmember alter's amendment page. So that's how number 3 will appear. And now councilmember alter, you wanted to discuss number 4 on councilmember harper-madison's amendment page? Is that correct?

>> Alter: Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Alter: So I had some other language that I wanted to propose because I kept getting kind of caught up in a particular example that was giving me some anxiety, which would be if they were building out a \$100 million corridor project, we could be on the hook for the temporary bike detours. I would rather, if we were in that situation, to spend that money on permanent kind of bike stuff. I don't know if I was getting caught in the details, but it seemed like we don't have a great sense of what the costs would be involved, and I completely agree that we don't currently take into consideration cyclists and pedestrians and their needs as we do these detours. So what I proposed was, I think in line with how some other actions were worded, to say evaluate temporary traffic control process for bicycle and pedestrian detours for all projects that affect bicycle routes and multi-use trails.

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An element of the evaluation would be the cost of the temporary detour and its reasonableness relative to the purpose of the project. And it was just -- again, I've been -- because I was struggling for a long time to figure out how to do the east-west connectivity, which you also mentioned, and I appreciate, Ms. Harper-madison, I've been paying a lot of attention to things that are worded in it, so to me, I think this gives the direction to our staff that we want these pedestrian and bike detours to be part of that process and gives some direction to take an action to incorporate that, but allows some of that scope to more organically come out of those conversations which have yet happened.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember harper-madison.

>> Harper-madison: Yeah. So the intention there, I guess sort of to piggyback what you just said, is to direct staff to do what we already do for cars and make certain that we prioritize bicycle and pedestrian detours. And the 20% number was relatively arbitrary. I was taking a stab at it, and the fact of the matter is I'd love to direct staff and the city manager to come back and sort of give us a number that seems feasible. Not to say I just have a hard time imagining us building a \$20 million bike or pedestrian detour, and so, you know, the costs would inherently be that -- the onus of the developer in private developments, and for the city, I do think we should have some obligation to -- you know, within an established threshold to cover the cost of bike and pedestrian detours. I do prefer the language that we presented.

>> If I can just add a point of clarification, it's not the larger projects that I'm worried about providing for, because as councilmember harper-madison says, the cost of providing those detours is probably somewhat less than 20% of the project.

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It's the smaller projects where that 20% comes into account where T need to provide a detour is a much higher percentage of the project, even though the project might be small. Imagine a corner construction project where providing the detour would be much more than the project in some cases. So that's where, I think, the 20% has context, not O the hundred-million-dollar project but the \$10,000 project maybe.

>> Harper-madison: You know, the important thing is for them to have the understanding of what W is that we're trying to have them do. I think in most other cases, we're providing direction to create the processes to do things, and I just -- it seemed like the alternative wording would get at that better, but B if there's not support for it, you know, as long as we're clear on what we're talking about, but I would worry a little bit on the 2. Mr. Kitton, did you have something you wanted to share?

>> I do.

>> Harper-madison: Because we were trying to talk this through as I was trying to figure out the examples.

>> I do. As W going to read to clarify the intent of the amendment, it's to modify an existing act, so the existing action is number 139, multimodal temporary traffic controls, established standards street closures, temporary traffic controls in special events that affect transit routes, bicycle facilities or urban trails that maintain quality, safety, direction and comfort of existing facilities and routes. So the original intent of the action was to establish the standards.

>> Harper-madison: Okay.

>> So I think a solution could be to add in language that says establish standards and limits of the cost of those detours. So it's a function of establishing the standards, still.

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>> Harper-madison: I'd be comfortable with that.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember.

>> Harper-madison: I'm comfortable -- I think 20% -- the intent there is to establish standard, this sort of protocol and the limits. But I would like to encourage us to have number, established standards and limits is vague enough to where I don't think it has the kind of teeth that I would like, and so I'm absolutely willing to, you know, move through this some more, but I'm -- I would prefer there was a specific percentage number.

>> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry. I didn't hear what you said at the very end. You had proposed language -- were you okay with leaving the standard, 20% to be decided later, as part of the criteria, or did you want to make that part of what you had?

>> Harper-madison: So what I was saying was, you know, I'm comfortable with the language that says establishing standard and limits, but I would be more comfortable with standards and limits having a number associated with them. A specific number. 10%, 15%, 50%, you know, whatever the number is. And so, you know, my request would be that -- Task staff to move in the direction of figuring out what that number is. I just think it's considerably more tangible, and for me, and, you know, for some of my constituents, part of the problem with these plans is that they don't feel real. It's too abstract. And so I think an actual tangible number would be helpful for folks moving forward.

>> Mayor Adler: I think it would be good to have a number.

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I'm trying to figure out if the number goes into this document or if the number as you develop it could vary depending on the type of project. In other words, I agree on having a standard, I just don't know where the appropriate place to put that standard is and whether one standard would automatically apply to all projects or whether the department would like to have different standards for different kinds of projects.

>> So, clearly, I think this debate, Mayor, is about what that number is or what that percentage is, and so what I would suggest, if it's acceptable, is to give staff the ability to establish that number through the transportation criteria manual. We've heard loud and clear, I think, that council wants us to provide detours for both bicycle and pedestrian with construction projects. We've had similar direction from council before, and we've carried that out with various levels of success, and so what I'm hearing is that you would like us to actually develop a criteria that says, you know, we're going to do this as long as it's either not a specific number, beyond a specific number, or beyond a percentage of a project. And if that's acceptable, we could take that direction and develop it as part of the transportation criteria manual within the first year and have that for council.

>> Harper-madison: I'd appreciate that, and also, you know, in conjunction with the standard being the language, requirement also.

>> Yes. Yes. With the caveat, there's some places, no matter how hard we try, we may have difficulty doing that, but that's where the price would probably exceed the value that we would recommend to you.

>> Harper-madison: Understandable. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: I'm looking at the language then, Councilmember Harper-Madison that you had, for all projects that affect bicycle routes in any multi-use trails, with the cost of being established and set forth in the transportation criteria manual.

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>> Harper-madison: I believe you may be reading the original version. We handed out a revised. Is the text in the first paragraph for you bold in black, is it blue?

>> Mayor Adler: It's bold in black. So I'm on the back page.

>> Harper-madison: Number 4?

>> Mayor Adler: Number 4, modify action 139, multimodal traffic controls by adding have following sentence, incorporate bicycle pedestrian detours as a requirement within the scope of we K for all projects that affect bicycle routes and any multiuse trails, comma, and then I have, with the cost of these detours, as a separate if the. So it would say with the cost of these detours, and then I'm finishing the sentence by saying, being established and set forth in the transportation criteria manual.

>> Harper-madison: Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. People okay with that change? Councilmember alter?

>> Alter: Yeah, I'm fine with that and I appreciate staff working with me and I appreciate Ms. Harper-madison for raising this issue. I totally completely agree that we need to do better and incorporate our bike and ped users into how we approach the detours to improve the connectivity.

>> Mayor Adler: 1 stays the same, 2 stays the same, 3, as amended on the alter amendment to E amendment, and on number 4, it's the amendment that we just read into the record. Any objection to that? No objection, that amendment is added. Okay. He.

>> Renteria: Mayor?

>> Mayor a: Yes, Mr. Renteria?

>> Renteria: Have we taken tovo's --

>> Mayor Adler: We have not taken that one yet. That then gets us, I think, to councilmember alter has a motion sheet, says motion sheet, not a number at the top. Does anybody have any objection to any of the ones that appear on the alter sheet?

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There were some questions about number 6. Kini you had made a wording change on that, councilmember alter.

>> Alter: Yeah, I made a word change which is on motion sheet number 2 for me, which just changes, and enforced, to successfully compliment. Develop tools to monitor and successfully compliment tdm strategies where applied. The red on the sheet is in the base motion from B 64.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Th the change to number

-- number 6 on motion sheet 2, an amendment to the amendment, is everyone okay with alter sheet number 1? Any objection? Hearing none, that is also added as amended. Yes?

>> Alter: I just want to comment T first five amendments I'm proposing are just underscoring the need as we move forward, we need to pay attention to east-west connectivity, not just north-south. There are less developments in the plan but that T actions that support this, but it seemed to be lacking in the overall policy guidance, so this is an attempt to underscore that.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Pool: And mayor, if I may, just to add to what councilmember alter is saying about the connective east-west a north-south, I brought that map on Tuesday to show the complete dearth of planning on the eastern swath of our city from top to bottom, area loosely defined as eastern crescent, so I also want to memorialize that in our conversations here and add that, since this is an aspirational document, that we focus on those areas and bring transit to folks who are in that part of our city as well.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. All right that gets us to Garza, mayor pro tem's amendments.

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And I think that there was an alter amendment that was an alter amendment to the Garza amendment number 4, I think, as was handed out. So going through this, I hadn't heard a concern yet with respect to number 1 and number 2. There was someone that raised policy number 3, and this was your amendment to this -- your amendment to the amendment? Was that correct, councilmember alter? Or was yours on policy amendment 4?

>> Alter: Mine is --

>> Mayor Adler: Amendment 4, policy 3.

>> Alter: Yeah, mine is amendment 4, policy 3.

>> Mayor Adler: Amendment 4, policy 3.

>> Alter: Yeah, because I totally support family friendly.

>> Mayor Adler: I have councilmember Garza's amendment 4, policy 3, councilmember alter, do you want to propose an amendment to that?

>> Alter: Sure. I am proposing essentially moving the part that says provide diverse amenities, adding users of all ages and abilities. It would read support the creation of mobility hub support to serve private and public transportation services multimodal transportation options and provide diverse amenities for folks of all ages and abilities. Support the creation of mobility hubs and development of mobility hubs of different scales, the first part. There's extra support on this sheet. The last part would be just provide families and users of all ages and abilities, then I just shortened the last sentence to be mobility hubs should provide diverse family friendly amenities.

>> Mayor Adler: Mayor pro tem, are you okay with the change?

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>> Garza: Yes.

>> M Adler: Okay. So the amendment change is accepted.

>> Garza: Can I comment really quick on amendment 2?

>> Mayor Adler: Yes.

>> Garza: That's specifically where we were able to find the mention of healthy food and I'm --ur I just wanted to make sure that the additional direction as part of the amendment 2s with kind of do a control of where healthy food is referenced, then also including community amenities such as grocery stores.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Did you get that? Okay. Staff, thank you. That was amendment number 4 we just handled. Any other concerns on this? We had one that was raised raised earlier on amendment 8. Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Yes, I have a question and perhaps one-word suggestion. This is on policy 3, amendment 8, of mayor pro tem. So I wanted to suggest that -- right now it reads certain designs -- certain design, guess, development patterns limit connectivity to made the basis, like consult sacks, crash Gates, et cetera. These strategies should be used as a last resort. I wanted to add the language where it says -- just add in "Vehicle," certain design development patterns limit vehicle connectivity. I to just reflect the fact that this statement is not always true, tt designs limit -- design patterns limit connectivity, particularly with regard to cul-de-sacs, if you'r looking multimodal. So I'm open to other ways to address it but I'm just wantinog make sure that the sentence is not read thinking multimodal when it really just applies to vehicle. So --

>> May I respond, mayor?

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>> Mayor Adler: Yes.

>> Garza: So I don't accept that as friendly and it's because I think if you're limiting anything, you are limiting it, whether it be you're limiting a vehicle, you're limiting connectivity, whether it be you're limiting bicycle, multimodal, you are limiting connectivity. So this isn't -- I think -- I understand what you're trying to add. I'm just saying I think the statement as is, is correct, in that these kinds of development -- and you're ri take out the S at the end of designs, it would be certain design development patterns, limit connectivity to neighbors, and those are examples. So just as in the case of, if we're building a road and we're not providing for bicycle lanes or sidewalks, we are limiting connectivity, even though vecles can go through there, bicycles can go through as safely, nor can pedestrians if there's not sidewalks, and the reverse of that is, even if -- even if bicycles can go through crash Gates or cul-de-sacs, vehicles can't. So I believe the statement as it stands is accurate.

>> May I respond?

>> Mayor Adler: House bill 2, by the way, was just stopod until Monday. Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Okay. Maybe there's anoth way to -- I understand what you're saying. So -- and how you're reading it. Maybe there's another way to think about this. You're saying that these strategies should be used as a last resort. Perhaps we should modify that. What I'm -- what I'm wanting to -- what I don't want to do is lose the ability to use multimol connectivity to solve for connectivity. So when I read it this way, because use as a las resort is not modified, it doesn't -- it doesn't tell me that I might be able to consider trails or bikes or sidewalks as a way to connect and a way to solve for connectivity I some circumstances.

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So I don't want to make a big deal out of it. I can give it -- I can give it as direction that when this is -- when ts is included, that it's not -- it's not so black andhite as it sounds. That's what my concern is. That staff would then later read that to say that -- to not recognize, at least in some circumstances, the multimodalonnnectivity is appropriate and solves for an issue. So --

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. The language right now is staying the same unless -- councilmember pool?

>> Pool: I just want to do echo whatounc member kitchen is pointing out. Frequently we find a situation where vehicle access just -- there's no way to do I gen the terrain or a floodplain; but we can put a pedesian bridge across or we can do somethgin that people can get from one side of a barrier to another. And so I want to ensure that en we're talking about transportation and transit modes, that we are not unnecessarily narrowing it down to solving an issue only for a gas-powered or ectrel-powered four-wheel car. Right? Because atth is what we have been trying to get to, is to include pedestrians and bicycles throughout.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Flannigan, the councilmember Garza. Mayor pro tem Garza.

>> Flannigan: I'mupportive of this conversation generally. I'm with Delia on this, on a number things. I think one thing that I don't need language in but just to note -- cul-de-sacs, crash Gates is ways of with developing patterns and prohib connectivity. Some of the things I see in Greenfield development, which happened a lot in district 6, is old school strip zoning that put these weird strips of zoning in between developments and what should be connected to next-door, we've even had platting come back and show these weird 25-foot hoa properties that, even though there was a road stub put at the end of the street, because of the way it was platted, we can't actually get connectivity.

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Even multimodal connectivity because we actually haven't give the full right-of-way connectivity in the plan. I think the asmp in a number of ways is going to prevent that from hapngni in the future. There are

a lot of ways I see this happening, even beyond the things sometimes we talk about most frequently here.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Mayor pro tem.

>> Garza: Yeah, I don't see this as black and white as others are seeing it. I think if you limit any type of connectivity, any mode, you are limiting connectivity. So, again, I appreciate the et cetera, maybe we could just say cul-de-sacs and crastes.ga are you saying --

>> Flannigan: No, no, I like the et cetera, there's a lot in there, in the et cetera, there's not just two things. And I can actually list a bunch of things that go under et cetera.

>> Garza: Then I like T you like my amendment.

[Laughter]

>> Mor Adler: There you have it. Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: My actual concern is not with that statement, and I'm fine with "Et cetera." I just thought it would be easier to fix THA statement, but apparently I was wrong with that. So it's the last sentence, because the last sentence provides absolutely no guidance. It just says, these strategies should be used as a last resort and doesn't speak to the fact that mean, what does that mean, as a last resort? I mean, I'm going to drop this because it really doesn't matter, with it being in here. I just want our staff to understand, because I've seen it happen before with our staff, to read something like this and think that used as a last resort might me T you could never consider, in any circumstance, something else. I would rather add something that says when balanced against public safety or environmental concerns, or something to that effect, but I don't want to take too much time with this.

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Let me just ask the staff, do you need that further -- I don't mean to put you on the po but is there a way for me to capture the concern that used as a last resort does not mean that we could never consider public safety or environmental concerns? That's what I'm concerned about.

>> So staff doesn't oppose what's currently written as, written.

>> Kitchen: Yeah.

>> Clearly, we could continue to wordsmith the. Our only suggestion that I was going to add was the word "D" between certain designs and development patterns but I'll let rob talk.

>> Councilmember, I hope you appreciate that transportation department always approaches all problems from a multimodal perspective.

>> Kitchen: Okay.

>> And at least I can say I don't take as a lastortas as a limiting factor.

>> Kitchenay.ok

>> I think as it was said, you know, many streets that end in a drop-off, a canyon, for instance, we either have to do a cul-de-sac or T turn around. There's other reasons to do that. I think we understand the intent and we support the language that has been proposed.

>> Kitchen: Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: That all said, is there any objection to this amendment?

Garza: Just to add F's recommendation of certain design and development patterns district 1 okay. Any objection to making that addition in hearing none, that's added. Hearing no objection to the Garza amendments, they added. That gets us then to plan. Gan, number 5. Are there any objections to Flannigan number 5? Councilmember Tovo, you had wanted a second or two more to read that.

>> Tovo: I have a few questions of clarification.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: Which I could ask if I hadn't lost one of my sheets well -- okay. What is happening with the final piece?

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Is that just going away? I think that's the question. And I'm fine if it is, I just need to better understand whether that section is going in or out, is in or out.

>> Is that directed to staff?

>> Tovo: Yes, I G, or whoever is the appropriate person. Councilmember Flannigan, do you -- did you intend for the federal transit administration scores, background information in their process, which was in the original and was in your original but then is no longer on this sheet, did you intend for that to be in or out?

>> Flannigan: I was satisfied with my original motion, but in my conversations with staff, they said that the charts that relate to these specific numbers are maybe better -- more appropriate in the criteria manual, so I was fine with removing all the final language and that second half of what I had proposed, in relation to what the staff has put out, in working with my office.

>> Tovo: Got it. So then I guess the question I have, and I think it's possibly for you, councilmember Flannigan, the change -- could you help understand the rationale for the change from transit service to fixed route bus?

>> Sure. I think the intent here is to show that what CapMetro has put out that we're referencing in the ASPM is really in relation to densities that support the type of service currently provided, the fixed route bus service. But as we contemplate higher capacity services, that's not what these levels of density are

intended to reflect, is that there's different levels of intensity that match different levels of intensity in both land use and transit service. That's what I wanted to make sure we're communicating.

>> Tovo: Is that consistent? When I look back to the original language before the planning commission, they didn't distinguish -- I mean it's transit supported. They're not distinguishing between types of transit and tying that to types of density.

>> Yes, councilmember tovo.

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In fact, capmetro vice presidents were here and were helping us with that language, the base service that they provide is the fixed route service, so they thought that was comparable language. I think what's interesting about this is that this doesn't preclude us to still investigate alternative transit or microtransit kind of concepts within this, but re this item is specifically talking to the traditional public transit fixed route services that we offer as a public amenity here. So...

>> Tovo: Okay. But when we've been talking -- so this gets us back to the question, again, about that the community has asked, about whether we're straying into land use directives with our document here that's talking about -- that's really designed to talk about transportation. Obviously, there's a strong connection between -- between the two issues. But the language in here is the level of service increases to high capacity transit and other transit supported factors should also increase beyond the guidelines shown Abo. Seems pretty directive. And again and again we've come back that we need to have a certain level of density to meet the fta requirements. How does that -- help me align those two objectives.

>> Right.

>> Tovo: I mean does the -- it was not my understanding that there were very clear -- that for high capacity transit, the fta is saying it's G to be higher than 16 --

>> For fta to partner with us in terms of funding, capmetro also has criteria for where they place service D based on ridership needs that they have generated from typical densities. So I think what we're trying to reflect here is what their policy is now on where they put transit, fixed route transit in terms of densities and what kinds of goals that we should be supporting as we discuss the land use policies going forward.

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>> Tovo: Can you remind us how the fta expresses this requirement?

>> I'm sorry, what?

>> Tovo: Can you remind us how the fta expresses this for transit -- how do they define transit supported density?

>> Let me introduce my --

>> Mayor Aer: Tod, with planning at capmetro. I'm -- just for calculator, clarity, the numbers in the original version were drawn from our service guidelines and standards and as councilmember Flannigan indicated, they do speak to fixed route transit service offer traditional bus service as we know it. And as he said, it is, I think, put up very well, is that as the intensity of transit service increases, then we also would, ideally, see a situation where the land use and the D's referenced in the document there also increase because the two work hand in glove. So with regard to the second part of the question, an fta, they look at a half-mile distance from the entire corridor, as Cole indicated earlier, and that means that, as he said, that the downtown density will essentially -- for any Corridor that serves downtown, would bump up the average for the whole corridor. So it does not say that the entire corridor has to be of density X, but on average, the higher the density, the better the rating you will get in the fta evaluation, keeping in mind that's one of only six different factors they look at as we carry projects and corridors into their competitive grant process.

>> Tovo: And so that's -- so as we're talking about -- so I think that's an important point to underscore, which you have, again, and I know it appears in this section, but being the average density of that corridor, not along the corridor at every location.

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>> That's right.

>> Tovo: Okay. Thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: In front of us is Flannigan 5. Further comments or thoughts? Councilmember Aer?

>> Alter: Thank you. So I appreciate staff working with Mr. Flannigan. I was also talking with some staff about this particular amendment, and we weren't able to combine, so I'm glad that we were able to incorporate the six D's. I think we often talk about density but there are a lot of other factors that contribute to having success with our transit, so I think it's important to call those out, the destination, the distance, design, density, diversity, and demand management. I wanted to ask Mr. Flannigan if you would be amenable to a wording change so that in the last paragraph, it would say the city should advance the six D's referenced above for the various modes of transit that will help ensure adequate ridership and achieve decreases in trips by achieving transit supported densities and other practices along the transit priority network. So it would be changing it to read the city should advance and then taking out the D's before transit supportive density.

>> Flannigan: I think that's fine, the risk that underlies the other, I'm fine with that.

>> Mayor Adler: So the city should advance transit supported density targets.

>> Alter: No, the city should advance the six D's referenced above for the various --

>> Mayor Adler: The city should --

>> Alter: Advance the six D's referenced above, various modes of transit that will ensure adequate ridership by achieving transit supportive densities and other practices along the transit priority network and existing bus lines. The asterisk establishes that you have higher densities for other modes.

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>> We're striking the word set higher transit density Ta ets by advancing and we're substituting the words advanced for those words.

>> Alter: Yes, then also just for grammar, we're saying by achieving transit supportive densities rather than these.

>> Mayor Adler: And these is being stricken. Okay. Those two chaes, any objection to being included? Hearing none, Flannigan number 5 is included. I think that gets us to just to one amendment that's left. I'm sorry? Okay. Councilmember tovo, you have a motionheet S 2.

>> Tovo: Yes, I do. And these were proposed to us by, I believe, the urban -- I think it was the urban transportation commission. And we had a speaker speak of them earlier. And they would be -- I'm sorry, the PC recommendation. I think they may have come from both places, but they were certainly from PC as till remove the currently unbd portion of sh 45 southwest from the map and to insert a new action item to oppose state or regional authority efforts to expand or connect sh 45, and this is not just sync with the planning commission's rommendations but it's also in sync with two resolutions that this council has approved firmafg and then reaffirming the city's position that the proposed -- I'll just read you the one -- one of them -- the proposed state highway 45 southwest toll road is not a part of the future transportation network of Austin, reaffirming the city' opposition to sh 45 southwest, restating the city's support for full compliance with the endangered species act and balcones canyon lands conserva plan, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, but we have, multiple times as a council before us constituted by this group as well, a few iterations ago, affirmed our opposition to that piece, and I think our strategic mobility plan should reflect that as well, as the planning commission recommended.

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>> Mayor Adler: Comments on the dais?

>> I appreciate where you're coming from on this, I think it's really important to approach this particular last piece in a way that's extremely careful and that removing it from the plan and, you know, saying that we don't want staff to be working on it isount C intuitive. I think it's really important that if txdot or ctrma is moving forward with projects I sensitive area, need our best and brightest at the tle, city of Austin watershed protection and other biologists and environmental scientists and geologists,so I Ave concerns about it. I see cometely where you're coming from, and certainly don't want to see bi highways

built across sensitive areas, but I think we need to be watchdogs during these processes and really hold people accountable to the highest level of environmental protection, so that's my concern with taking them out completely. I think that we need to be at the table and I think that just removing it and saying we're opposed leaves us out of the conversation and I would rather be in those negotiations.

>> Mayor, if I may.

>> Mayor Adler: Hang on a second.

>> And I agree with my colleague, you know, the state has a way of doing things without us and I'm afraid that they're going to go ahead and approve this project and we really need to be there so that we could -- can have a voice in there.

>> I'm going to support also councilmember Ellis and vote against this as well for a few reasons. First, I want to support that it's really important for us to be at the table on this.

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I wish we had been at the table better on the Y and okay hill, although there was little ultimately we could do on THA but I think it's important for us to be there. Also there's kind of a -- the reason that it's in our plan is because it shows up in our regions 2040 plan and I think the place to really get this removed, we don't want it built, is try to take it out of the campo 2040 or out of the 2045 plan. We don't build this project, somebody else is building this project, and if we want to get that stopped, that's the place to get that stopped. If we have a regional road showing up on the plan, it doesn't make sense to me otherwise. So for those reasons I do not support the amendment as well. Councilman pool?

>> Thank you councilmember Ellis, and the mayor, for those words, I guess my question would be do we have any language in here that indicates that we're not interested in building it and that we oppose it, but that we want to be at the table should this particular extension occur, I would be surprised if we weren't considered and we surely should be, but I think there's a difference between saying we want a seat at the table do it right, and in any way we support this because we think this piece of the road needs to be laid down and built and we want to actively help build this road. So I would ask my colleagues on the dais, do you actively support building this road?

>> For the discussion on the dais.

>> Or are you mainly saying that should the road be built, we want to be -- we want to be consulted and have a seat at the table, in which case I would like to see language and maybe staff can bring us that before we vote on voting on this to ensure that we are not inadvertently indicating that we support the project, but that we want to be included should the project ultimately be funded by the state and move forward under the auspices of the state, which I think is what you all are getting to, and it's not clear, if -- it's not clear here, it sure isn't going to be clear to the folks in the community who have serious and justifiable environmental concerns about the violence that we're doing to the preserves in our aquifer south of town.

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>> Absolutely, and I think that --

>> Mayor Adler: Hang on a second. I'm going to give other people a chance to talk because others raised their hand. Councilwoman Kitchen?

>> Kitchen: I was thinking along the lines what everybody is saying that maybe the route here is to add the -- to add language to the effect of what we just said and I think that you may have, if I'm capturing it correctly, what you said, councilmember Ellis, is we want to participate and be at the table. I think that there's other -- other things that this council has already adopted about our position to SH45, and those stand, the fact that something is written into the asmp does not take away, if I'm understanding correctly, what the council's position that -- that we oppose this. So perhaps we -- perhaps what we just need is some ifying language to the effect that -- that we want to be at the table -- I'm not going to attempt to use the language, but what we've been talking about. Councilman Casar?

>> Casar: (Indiscernible).

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> In looking back I can get copies and distribute it. By no means -- I appreciate you raising that concern, by no means were our staff not at the table working with txdot staff, and in fact we had language in that resolution directing the city manager to share information, to solicit participation, and then we've had an opportunity in the intervening years to revisit that. I think there's another resolution that spoke to the inclusion of it in the campo 2040 plan as well, that also made it very clear that we wanted our scientists and our watershed folks and I think some of them may be in the room to participate and to actively, if txdot decided to go forward with that plan to make sure they were using the most recent science which is being captured by our city staff, and so those things -- I don't see those things as mutually exclusive at all, and I do think -- I want to get back to the question of why the staff decided not to incorporate this.

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This was a unanimous recommendation, as I understand, from the planning commission, and so I would invite councilmember Ellis or someone else on the dais to add to my language. I think it would need to say something like insert a new action, as I have, insert a new action item to oppose state or regional authority efforts to expand or connect SH45, that is the standing council policy until we reverse it with another -- and if that would need to happen by resolution, we've affirmed it multiple times. I agree with councilmember Kitchen that we don't need to have it in the asmp if it to be the standing council policy it is, but I think it's significant enough to the planning commission to mention, but I'm certainly open to language that would be along the lines of if txdot continues to move forward with -- with construction on SH45, the city of Austin will work together to ensure that this is -- that this road is built in the most environmentally sensitive manner possible. I just made that up. So I'm open to I'm open to language suggestions.

>> Mayor Adler: So I think we may be able to move past this if we recognize that we're going to leave it in the map as a reflection of the reality that it's part of the regional plan, but not as an indication of support. Do you want to leave it in the plan but add language that said if the road is to be built, we'll do everything we can to make sure it's built in the most environmentally sensitive way possible.

>> Tovo: However, I would want, mayor, if we're not removing it from the map, and perhaps that just needs to be a vote, in fact I think I would like to call that for a vote, but it would be especially important me to have in there, if it's staying in the map, reiterating our opposition to having it in there, to the expansion or connection of sh45, with that additional sentence, if that continues --

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>> I was hoping W could approve this on third reading today, and that is pretty substantive measure that's coming with notice to the dais, so I wouldn't be comfortable considering that really on third reading today. I'd really like to get it done so that was my -- where tiught you were going with that initial language, I thought would enable us to be able to do that.

>> Tov mayor, I think that is not really a very fair characterization, as I mentioned this was an amendment that was passed I believe unanimously by the planning commission, we received communication about it a week or so ago. Don't quote me on that, I just know -- I believe it was in the backup for this item, I don't think it's a fair characterization to say it's coming up with no notice.

>> Mayor Adler: No notice that someone on the dais were going to raise it. There's been lots of things raised in the community the last couple of week, what I was hoping councilmembers to let us know on the message board or otherwise things that they were interested in, that that D gule us the opportunity to see what the dais might consider.

>> Tovo: I thought I did reference it on Tuesday, and I wouldust also note that we've gotten several amendmen hts today on the dais and amendments on amendments and wtnotha and we also invited the public in today, and that was our -- that was the content of one of our speakers' thoughts, so I think we need to always be nimble enough to respond to the comments and the suggestnd T a suggested amendments that our public brings, that's certainly part of the intent in having a hearing.

>> Mayor Adler: Absolutely, we didn't say we ren'wegoing to consider, the only question is whether we closed it out today or not. That was the question, not whether we raised it. Further discussion on the dais? Councilman pool.

>> Pool: So I would like to know what the status is, then, of councilmember tovo's -- mayor right now a motion to remove sh45 southwest from the map.

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>> Pool: I didn't realize we were going to approve on second and third readings today, I thought we were going to go for second reading.

>> Mayor Adler: We can certainly make that part of the motion. If we could do third reading and close the public hearing, and B Rea to move past this, that's what I thought. But certainly we can consider that and make that part of the votes. What is before us right now is councilmember tovo's motion to remove sh45 from the map. Any further discussion before we take a vote, co cilman Casar.

>> Casar: Mayor, what I'm trying to figure out, and I don't knowf clarity or I'll be able to have clarity today is, you know, I've been on record and remain opposed to the constnct of sh45, over time there's been more construction of it, and so I want to continue to reiterate my position which I think is still the official city position while not inadvertently mucking up any harm reduction that might have to be part of our realistic response, and I don't know what the vote -- I don't know when to raise my hand to vote that way. Seems like we're voting on maps or language and I just don't know -- it seems unclear to me how to raise my hand appropriately to express that sentiment that I hear pretty strongly on the dais. And I would hate for us to take oddly symbolic votes where we might have different understandings about what those votes mig mean if we can actually get to our goal which see pretty collectively shared. Want to express that in my discomfort until I know how to vote in the way that aligns with my values.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilwoman kitchen?

>> Kitchen: I have a suggestion that we perhaps work in rerse order, that we first take a vote on the new action item that I think councilmember tovo might have articulated, it's that insert a new action that if txdot continues to move forward with sh45 southwest, city of Austin will work with txdot Moe the road most environmentally sensitive as possible, I would like to T that vote first.

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>> Mayor Adler: Uncilmember kitchen makes an amendment to change the language -- we're going to take councilmember tovo's in two parts. We're going to consider the second part first, because that might impact how people vote then on the first part. Councilmember kitchen proposes some language for the inserting of the new action, as she just read, is there a second to that amenent to the amendment?

>> I guess I need to hear it again and I had suggested some language along those lines so I' certainly open to other additional language, but I had said if txdot continues to move forward with construction sh4 the city of Austin will work with txdot staff to ensure that the projects I developed in the most environmenyll sensitive manner poible.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: Councilmember kitchen, can I hear what you had --

>> Kitchen: What you just said is better, I'm happy for you to move that if you would like, but I thought I would like to take that up.

>> Mayor Adler: Any objection the inclusion of language that councilmember just read. Hearing none, that language is included. Now, do we need to take a vote to include it in the map or not?
Councilmember Tovo?

>> Tovo: I guess I would like to understand why we would include -- why, given our on the record opposition to continue to build SH45 why we would include that our transportation vision for the region. I understand it's in 2040 and we've had an opportunity to have a conversation about how our city should weigh in on that.

>> I can provide some additional context. The reason why we would include it in our map is the roadway network that we're showing is our mechanism to require right of way to be dedicated at the time of development. TxDOT does not have that mechanism. They rely on the local municipalities to require the right of way for their projects, so should TxDOT pursue this project we would be on we would be responsible for acquiring the right of way, so if the property were to develop, we would need it in the map in order to get that right of way set aside, not built in, so that their project would subsequently be able to use that right of way.

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If it's not in our plan, we would have to figure out how to prevent homes from being built in what potentially could be a TxDOT project that becomes more problematic. If there is no subdivision -- if there is no development that occurs and the project happens, we would be required to acquire the right of way anyways, so it would be through purchase.

>> Could I ask a question.

Mayor Adler: Go ahead.

>> So just to clarify, if I'm understanding correctly, when you say we would be required anyway, in other words, state law would require to do that -- we don't have a choice in other words, is that what you're saying?

>> Yes, just as we -- councilmember, just as we saw with the parkway, depending on the funding mechanism, we'd be required as a community to participate in the right -- in the right of way.

>> We have all of the descriptions for each of the roads, can we put a note what essentially we will be doing as action item, we oppose it, but if you do it, we need to be at the table and can we make it some other color so that it's there but we don't -- we've got all of these colors, there's got to be another one we could put there.

>> It's certainly possible to thematically indicate that this roadway is only intended for right of way dedication purposes. There's a field within the street network table that says right of way remarks and that's where we could memorialize the position on SH45 southwest.

>> I just think if there's a way that we could still accomplish what we need to with res to the right of way and staff being at the table, but also communicate hi tths is not something that we as a community support, that would be my preferred option and I think that's what I'm hearing from my colleagues.

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>> Councilmember, if I may, we have maintained on all new roadways shown in the roaaydw table that the no build is always a one solution that might he T outcome of more detailed study.

>> Mayor Adler: Can we go farther, though, and on the deal do what was recommended and keep it on the map but highlight or note by color or otherwise the action item that we mentioned?

>> Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Is that okay?

>> Yeah, I support that direction, as she said, if it memorializes the council pol on that piece of sh45.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. All right. are we okay with that? There an objection to that being done. Councilwoman pool?

>> Pool: That's the only way I would be willing to vote to move this piece forward, because I think otherwise it's likely that pe wopl not bother looking back to our ordinances and our previous resolutions and mistake line on a map as us being fully support of that, and that is not the message that I want us to communicate, because that is not the message that is a policy position of this council so --

>> Mayor Adler: I believe there's no objection to that, without that amendment, then, that is also included, both of those, that gets us to the last one, councilwoman kitchen's item that're just handing out.

>> Kitchen: My apologies for hdingan it out right now, I vetted it with staff and also with cap metro and it was an oversight on my pahat I didn't notice it earlier. Basically, what this does is it just adds to the appropriate network map and I'm not sure which one is the appropriate one, that to the project description for the -- for men cck road south of slaughter lane, the term transit, I want to reflect the potential for local bus service on mancheck south of cap motor tro, potential for some point in the future,ince this is a long-term plan, I would like to make sure it'sreflected on our plan, and my understanding that that acceptable to staff.

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>> That is correct, councilmember, staff does not object.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay, any ox being included. Hearing none, I think we're fine. Gets us back up to the main motion, which I understand to approve asmp on second and third reading to close the public

heariith WHE amendments made. Ready to take a vote in those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais. Great work, staff, thank you very much.

[Applause] All right, let's get zoning up here. Let's do that. What's consent agenda. >> Mayor and council, I'm with the planning and zoning department. Consent agenda is item 34, which is npa201701211. This is a postponement request by staff to June 6, 2019. Item 35, 2801201 this is a postponement request by the applicant to may 9th item 36 is kc1420180152, this case is ready for approval on all three readings, item 37, 2018043, this is also ready for approval on all three reads, 38, 20180142, ready for approval on all three readings. Triple 004, ready for F approval on all three reading, item 40, 2019002 this is also ready for consent approval,. This is ready for F approval on all three readings, item 4, 201900. This is ready for approval on all three readings. Item 43 is a discussion case, as are two related cases items 44 and 45.

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Item 46 is kc1420180065 related case is item 47, case c1420180064, I can offer these two cases for approval on third reading. That concludes the consent zoning agenda.

>> Mayor Adler: So the consent agenda here goes from items 34 through 47 and you're saying that the pulled items are 33, 44 and 45.

>> Item 35 postponed to may 9.

>> Houston: Flan.

>> Flannigan: I missed it when you read it.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda? Mr. Flanagan makes a motion, Mr. Rodriguez second it. Any discussion? Those in favor please raise your hand, those opposed --

>> Mayor, could I go on the record for 37 and 38 as abstaining? My former employer is a sub consultant on the project, so I just wanted to not be on the record voting either way on that one.

>> Mayor Adler: The record shows you abstaining. All right, that gets us then to 33, 44 and 45.

>> 43 is c8140138.03. The Parmer walnut creek pud amendment number 3. This is a request to change condition of the pud zoning on tract 3 to allow for communication tower or cell phone tower. The applicant was originally requesting 100-foot cell tower that has since been amended down to 90 feet. The applicant has also agreed to locate the cell tower 200 feet away from the ten oaks apartments on the southeast corner of the release hold. That will update condition of zoning, but that is something that the applicant has agreed to.

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Again, this is just a simple case to amend the pud to allow for a cell phone tower. There a valid petition and opposition to this case and we do have I think about ten speakers. It is recommended for approval by both the staff and planning and zoning commission.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember Casar, do you want to --

>> Casar: 46 and 47, mark me voting please P

>> Mayor Adler: Sorry, I didn't catch you when you

(indiscernible) 43, then, will hear from the applicant ready to testify. We'll begin with the applicant S the applicant here?

>> Thank you, M, councilmembers, my name is Vince Heapinger representing the land owner and applicant. I asked another proponent to donate 3 minutes because I've got a lot of information to go through real quick, so I'll take as much as I can.

>> Mayor Adler: Who donated your time.

>> Houlston be Caleb Ricin.

>> Mayor Adler: You get two minutes donated, five plus two is seven. What was your name I'm sorry?

>> It's Vince Heapinger.

>> Mayor Adler: I showed you had time being donated by Liz Aira. Do you want to take her donated time.

>> Sure, I may need the nine minutes.

>> Mayor Adler: Then you have nine minutes.

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>> I want to talk to pud amendment first of all, we went through the whole zoning process going at this thing up and down, pulled every back up document, letters, neighborhood association meeting. Nowhere in this ordinance, in this ordinance, was there a list with telecom on the prohibitive use, we think it was mistakenly left off when they converted from prohibited scratchout uses to the permitted uses on the site. Also telecom is this pre-conditioned or pre-determined within the zoning code as well. So the other part about this was a structure height, when the applicant wrote a letter to the city staff talking about the structure height, he was talking about hither building height, I think this is also a mistake in turning building to structure, as you know, the wireless code allows the height to supersede the base districts. This is a copy showing the uses surrounding the pud. The pud is in green, we're the commercial tracks, those three in the corner, there's a regional pond P and then there's a Scofield villa, Eth condo association mostly opposed to this tract on that side, same thing with the aerial. I want you to see that hard commercial corner, we're locating the site behind the commercial area within the site away from the front, kind of a good location, regional pond on your left side of the screen, again, Scofield villa over

there, there is a multi-family tract to the north, but pretty heavy commercial in the area. The code itself, 252 talks about distances back in the old days, 2000 days when people on the commission decided to adopt this, I was a height per setback ratio, it was like 100 feet tower would be 200 feet away, 250 feet, and 540 feet. Within this -- this consistent zoning category, we're 450 feet away from the closest residential that is sf3.

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Years ago they also talked about multi-family apartments and condos needing to be 50 feet away from the structure, so wanted to show Yo Thau we're actually located at that point. Looking at the opposition location, we're over 600 feet away from that, what the code talks about is being 540 from any residential for a very large structure, and it goes to the closest point of any residential property there, so that's the T current distance from the opposition. We talked about this earlier. I think Jerry mentioned our position, scooting, shifting the site over to the southeast corner, the lease area, so we can make 0 et to the nearest apartment building. We want to make sure that we don't hit that protected tree, that drip line, but we have the measurements and scale, we requested a survey to confirm this, but we believe we can make it within the next week or so. Why are we here? Real quick, wireless 1 the supercomputer you hold in your pocket books are overloading the system, you are running multiple apps, amber alerts, weather alerts, all kinds of things are driving the capacity. The capacity is surrounding the size. Each carrier is having problem keeping up with your data and your demand, so trying to issue these where they need it the most. Where the critical areas are that are failing or going to fail, this is really basically a capacity site. I want to show you the search and the opportunities that we tried to get that were M focused centrally in the search ring and I'll talk about that in a little bit. The Orange -- the burnt Orange stars over there, areas that we can't get into, land use, zoning, critical water quality zone, floodplain, but all of those other areas we tried to contact were either not interested or it didn't work for them. You can see WHE south of the ring actually our priority is trying to find a vertical structure, we don't want to come I council and ask your permission for anything.

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We know the code and we want to find some existing structure or roof top that's 65 feet high, somewhere in that range, we can get within the administrative provision. We're just trying to make this thing work for everybody. There's the search ring kind of focused on the existing T-Mobile sites. T-Mobile is the primary candidate for which the site is being built. You can tell from west view on the west side, there's a west side recreation light pole that we use to co-locate on, we do encourage those co-locations to existing structures, there's a north Lamar Yeager lane site, to the northeast there's an east Howard lane site. You can see where we need to offload those three capacity issues, if you don't offload those capacity issues, we provide an affidavit saying the capacity will clog down the system, slow down your download speeds and eventually block Cal these are the rf maps, you can see the black in the middle where the site is. Generally speaking, we drive in our vehicles and make a phone call all throughout

Austin, everybody's got that. We're talking about building and roof top coverage. The green area is where not actually in building and roof top, again, this is more of a capacity site, because a lot of that area is covered in red. Red is good for this situation. We turn this thing on air, all that's away, we're able to download those sites problems immediately off those sectors. Those sectors have been improved upgrade and done everything they can for them, and they show at any reasonable rate they're going to be failing soon. Talk about rf health, mayor there's two things I can really talk about. This slide tells me of it. FCC regulates all the sites. They can't go on there until they've proven they're below the minimum threshold, as your city attorney probably informed you, the telecom act prohibits states and local entities denying on rf health concerns, but this chart really shows where their minimum level of exposure is for FCC, microwatts per centimeter, squared centimeters, you can see microwave oven, you can see a cell tower base station, two one thousandths of their allowable levels, we all have microwaves in our houses so -- this is from world health organization, a very renowned organization, talk about values, we have some value studies that we have provided for planning and zoning commission.

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One of the main things for this 2015 homeowner survey was that it was a top four. It's below crime rates, local taxes and amenities. That number 52% of the nation is unplugged, that's going up, it's probably 54 now, but it's very important. People walk in and see how their phone coverage is in the house they're looking to build. Another aesthetic value is we're trying to provide a broad leaf type stealth facility that is not as recognizable as a standard pole setback in the area. And if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Let's hear from some of the other speakers that have signed up. Is Kristin here? I would imagine I mispronounced.

>> Ask if the order could change, Dr. Joe, she could start for the context?

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Start with who?

>> Dr. Andy Joshi.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. And then Dr. Joshi has time from Gloria Pierce. Is Gloria Pierce here? You have five minutes, sir.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you for opportunity to speak in opposition to this applicant's proposal. I've got about five minutes tell you a little bit about who I am and why I'm opposed to it, so I'll go a little bit quickly if that's okay. I'm a physician in Travis county. I'm a member of the Texas medical society, the AMA, the American medical association, I've held appointed and elected positions in both, I've sat sort of kind of where you've sat and I've got to sometimes weigh the interest of my clients and patients against the interest of the community in general and the greater good. A little more about myself I volunteered over the past 22 years at the young man's business league sunshine camps, for aid in sports physicals, I've got a soft spot for kids, especially those kids who don't have the same advantages as other kids, talking about 192 family, a valid petition, and on this constantly-moving and

shifting tower I can't keep up at the last or the fourth or fifth iteration, it was 180 feet away, he says it's almost 200 feet away, but it's not.

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And when I look at the city drawings reviewed by the zoning staff on the T left you can see I wrote the words "This is not an empty lot". This is what was submitted to the city for application. This is what your staff saw, and at the hearing, the zoning and planning commission, the staff had never even measured the distance to the apartment complex from where there was a valid petition and then we understand that because it's not a single family home, because these kids don't -- their parents don't own the house, not single family, because it's multi-family or apartment, it can only be 50 feet away, if you look at the top left, I wrote the words "This is not an empty lot" on the top right. I have a valid petition that was never submitted by the applicant and never reviewed by the staff. So how would rf pollution affect these families, I know in almost every e-mail or account he says you're not allowed to consider environmental impact. The American cancer society talks about pollution as microwave, radio wave, millimeter wave, you're familiar with millimeter wave, the same emergency used at airports, a microwave energy machine, on the right absorbed by organic tissue, that's possible, it's reflected by L, you can see weapons being carried on. We use microwave energy all the time. It's been used in medicine because human tissue absorbs it really well and you can treat things. I went to the link that he quoted, he said the study found an increased list of tumors, tumors in the hearts, the adrenal glands, when rf energy is focused to the eye, it causes cataracts, can cause burns of tissue and can be fatal. That is the quote his people gave us.

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5g technology pollution is one of the things you basically it's absorbed by tissue and especially tissue that has water in it, this is why you can cook an egg, it literally explodes if it's in the shell in your microwave, and then I'm not suggesting that the energy of a cell phone tower is exactly the same as a microwave oven, but there are new technologies being developed for 5g, here you see an industry later that says massive phase array, digital complex weights, I-user beamforming scenario, so there's a lot of advances in THA but don't worry, if you're confused you can at the very least, the -- you have a handout I saw being passed out. Would like to tell you there's no credible scientific evidence, they say that because they can't say there's no scientific evidence, because there's plenty of scientific evidence. If you follow the link on that website, the FCC, it tells you basically that it's never been studied in children, and it's never been studied long-term, that additional research is warranted. This is the FCC site that takes you to the FDA. So how would this affect the people at 1210 Parmer Lane? In the original petition asked for a ten story or hundred foot tower versus a single story shopping complex, if you look at the boxes to the right, there's about a 30 to 35-foot -- there's a lot of, you know, some of this is in the foreground, in the background, it's not exactly to scale, but I drew a yellow arrow of what I thought the thing would look like. I measured it three boxes, about 350 feet tall, the closest structure to the building is 171 feet away, so it's not 200 feet away from the building, if you measure the space within the building --

[buzzer sounding] Then it's even clor. This would not happen for a single family home. I know I'm out of time, so I'm going to say that these are massive structures, there's a 100-foot tower and that the residential property values are reduced and the pud has already been amended several times and it should stay the same.

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Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Yes, councilmember tovo.

>> Tovo: Sir, would you address the point you were raising about a valid petition? Is there still a valid petition?

>> Yes, there is a valid petition, it friesenhan the area I showed was the apartment complex, the apartment land owner has the right to petition and has petitioned on behalf of 192 families that live there.

>> Tovo: I see. So there is a standing valid petition for this file by the property owner? Thank Yo and you said how many apartments are in that complex? 192.

>> Tovo: Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Kristin, is Lucy gal Han here? Go ahead, ma'am, you have three minutes.

>> Hi, thank you, mayor and count lmembers, my name is Kristin yudii. Eve been a resident of Scofield condosor F about ten years. 192 families in those apts.en we have some water retention facilities that we've worked with the city to help in times of flooding and a small L shaped one story strip mall that you saw in that last piece there that was given as access points for us to use that strip mall in our daily lives. The current zoning we asked that it stand as it is, where there's a max aowed height of 35 feet. We ask that you oose this zoning change that would allow this telecom tower less than 200 feet from the children in the apartment at ten oaks. So I got the petition -- I got something in the mail around December 22 saying that this applications W starting to go through, and I had until January 2 to be in person or in writing to become interested party with the city council, so that was -- that ruined my Christmas and that was the first thing that I heard about this application, and of course as soon as I e-mailed city council, I got all the bounce backs that said nobody W be back until January 4th, so we had that situation where this was kind of ran through at C istmas and then the picture that Dr. Joshi just had the applicant O page 9 just doesn't have the apartments on the maps and the city maps that we were sent also just did not include us at all,he Scofield villas which is 96 families or the ten oak apartments which is 192 family, so that is almost 300 family human beings with children and retinas and elderly people and young children whosellskure thinner and have a higher impact on the emf radiation, so we're not supposed to talk about health,ks but I think the tide is turning and the this telecom act is 23 years old, and the cell phone in California at the Weston elementary hools was turned off due to four children with cancer and three adults with cancer since that tower was put on th property 2016, so there's also been some firefighters, the firefighters have B exempted from cell towers, when you live

there, you sleep there, these things do have health effects beginning to realize a tip of the iceberg, I have a feeling like I understand that technology must go on and we're -- can't stop like radiation, but this thing is the bottom of a flooding area.

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We have a steep slope on Parmer that goes down to the bottom and we do have these basins, like I said, some of these concrete basins that help with flooding and even on our own property in Scofield villas that I manage, when I go to that site, it's very low, on Saturday after we had a couple of hours of rain, there was a torrent of water running through.

[Buzzer sounding] So I don't think it's a safe place to put a cell phone tower, it will lower our property value and I think it's too close to children in the apartments. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adl: Thank you very much.

>> Mayor and councilmembers, my name is Lucy Callahan. I serve on the board of directors for the Scofield HOA. I am requesting that you vote against the amendment to the PUD. On a personal level, I am a city of Austin retiree. I worked for the city for 23 years so that tells you I'm not a wealthy person. I am extremely lucky to have found a new condominium that I could afford that was within my budget just nine years ago. Today if I was forced to have to move to a safer location, it's unlikely I could find a comparable place within my budget. Families should not be put in a position of having to uproot their lives because of a cell tower that could be located in a more suitable area. Applicant states that the 35-foot restriction is perhaps an error. I don't believe that it is. There is a recent 35-foot limit on this PUD and that is because a 100-foot structure of any kind does not belong on this site. Thank you.

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>> Is crystal guy here? Why don't you come to the other side you have three minutes.

>> Thank you, mayor and councilmembers. I'm Mary M Carolyn Woodward. I own a condo and the condo, Scofield villa condos. Eight years ago when I needed to move to Austin I had to be in an affordable place and I requested that it be a healthy place because of personal reasons that I experienced years before. I also had family that was trying to sell property in the Scofield wells branch area and WER having trouble because they had the high wires behind them. We know that these towers are needed, but what we ask of this company is that they find locations that didn't affect us. And I'm asking you as mayor and members of the council to consider the elderly, I'm 85 and we elderly people in area are on fixed incomes with limited resources. And as you well know, we couldn't start over again. We couldn't sell. And because of the prices in Austin, you are just instead of being a resident who is paying taxes and doing your best, we would be forced to be part of the affordable housing problem that we have here. So

all we're asking for resources to find other locations, but those of us who would suffer from this have no recourse.

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Thank you and please consider it.

>> Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Is Jim Woodcliff? Please introduce yourself. You have three minutes.

>> Hello, my name is Crystal Guy. I'm a three-year resident of the 10 Oaks apartment. Recently I was informed that a radiation cell tower is being built right outside my home. In fact, I live in the building that is closest to the proposed tower, specifically my apartment is less than 200 feet from the tower site. I feel that this is discriminatory in my opinion because cell phone towers must be at least 200 feet away from a single-family home, whereas the distance for apartments is only 50. It upsets me that because I'm not a single-family homeowner, my health isn't set to the same standard. My apartment building may not be a single-family home, but families live in this building. A building that is less than 200 feet away from the radiation cell tower site. My neighbor has a newborn. We will be radiated constantly all day, throughout the night, unless we leave our homes. I've had to make several arrangements to make it here. I've had to ask for time off of work and I've had to leave early today. And I've had to make arrangements around my schoolwork. We and I hope that we can end the discussion and make the decision to vote against the rezoning change C once and for all. And I also want to reiterate that there is a valid petition for this by the property owners.

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And thank you.

>> Is Blake Festie here? Mr. Woodliff.

>> Good afternoon, council members and mayors. My name is Jim Woodliff, I do not reside in this area but I was asked by Dr. Jochi to assist in their presentation. Probably because of my familiarity with regulatory process for the city. So I want to kindly repeat what some of the other people said. This is not a request for you to decide whether the cell tower should or shouldn't go in a particular location. Nor is it a debate over the benefits versus the costs or harm or impacts of 5g micro wave radiation. According to the applicant's original letter to city staff, what this is is a request to amend the Parmer Walnut Creek planning unit development in order to amend the 2005 zoning ordinance. Now, they're asking for three things. First thing is should a land use that is presently not allowed, namely a wireless telecommunications facility, be allowed within the PUD? Number two, they're asking to increase the height from the maximum of 35 currently in the PUD to 100 feet. And number three and this is what I have the most trouble with, they're asking you to determine that in 2005 the city council made a mistake and when they put the wd

structure, they should have a tower building. As one of the previous speakers said, it doesn't matter what the building is if it's 100 feet tall, it's 100 feet tall. So again, I want to remind you that there is a valid petition at this time, and I know it doesn't play on first reading, but it should and will on third reading.

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There was another site that the neighborhood came up with and we gave a letter to the applicant saying there's another site less than a quarter mile up the road that's in a commercial area, more than 200 feet from residences, and the property owner would be interested in talking to them about putting the cell tower there. So I think they need to vet their alternatives. I know there was a question during their neighborhood meetings. They had asked for a site near Walmart and they said well, Walmart won't call us back. Well, this other guy will call them back if they call him. So I sent that information over to Vince Hubinger yesterday.

Thank you very much. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Festie and the applicant will have an opportunity to close after this.

>> Good afternoon. My name is black festie and I'm a resident of the neighborhood directly across Parmer from the subject site. We purchased our home in 2017. One of the first things she mentioned during our search is she didn't want to live near a cell tower because of its potential health risk. In 2013 a survey conducted by the national institute of science, law and public policy stated that of the thousand respondents involved in the survey 94% reported cell towers and antennas in a neighborhood or building would impact interest in a property and price they would be willing to pay for it. And 79% said under no circumstances would they ever purchase or rent a property within a few blocks of a cell tower or antennas. And almost 90% of the respondents said that they were concerned about the increasing number of cell towers and antennas in their residential area generally. The conclusion stated that the result of the 2014 survey suggests there is now a high awareness about potential risks from cell towers and antennas among people who have never had cognitive or physical effects from the radiation.

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Although the FCC doesn't allow health concerns to be part of the decision, there is a negative impact to the marketability of homes in the surrounding area. As a result the market value of those properties will likely suffer. The applicant also claims that this will be a stealth structure, 100-foot tower regardless of its attempted disguise as a tree is not discreet if it's 60 feet taller than any other structure in the immediate vicinity. This is a hard point to argue. Although there has been a street deemed as an activity corridor in the staff report, I'm sure there are other alternative sites within a two-mile radius that are also considered activity corridors, but not in close proximity to a residential dwelling, being a building or single-family residence. So I'll conclude with this, why would we approve the proposed zoning change with the potential health risk and negative impact property values unless this specific location has been identified as the only possible solution to providing telecommunication capacity in the area. And I will also say that good phone coverage

that's quoted on the applicant listed as number four value is very different than wanting to reside directly next to a cell tower. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Does the applicant want to close? You have three minutes.

>> Thank you, Mayor. I'm passing around the affidavit from the T-Mobile regarding talking about the capacity issues. Clearly that's something that they're struggling with again. And also -- I also want to address a couple of their concerns by that site. We contacted every one of those. We would prefer to be within one of those blue stars, absolutely. If there's no interest in most of them then we can do whatever we can to try to get that coverage for this area.

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We don't want calls dropped, we don't want issues like that. Jim mentioned something about a site we got. The value study first of all, the value study in a site that was close to my house. We put that about 15 years ago and it was something that was in Travis County, but it was within a couple hundred feet of some residential. So I wanted to follow that over the years to see what the market is showing for a site. You all have that in front of you. The follow-up data was this email to TCAD, their assistant director has never seen an appraisal lowered because of proximity of cell towers. These are the property owners contacted. This is also the alternative site the neighborhood came up with. And it's important to look at where the yellow thumbtacks are for T-Mobile. So about a mile and a half outside where it needs to be where that red line ends by the Walmart. It doesn't work for this. It's not even an option. And recently it's at Mr. Anderson's office building. He works there. So this doesn't work. We've added it. It's not a viable candidate. We don't mean these people harm, these are nice people. These are just communications for everybody in the city. Everybody who works at the intersection, it is two major arterials and a highway, an interstate highway. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Can staff come up for a second and talk to us about this? I have some questions. I want to know what the staff recommended and why? I want to know one of the reasons we're here is there's a requirement in this PUD that needs to be changed. Under our current PUD policy how would this be handled with a property? And do we have rules and regulations about siting cell towers and if we do, how would that apply here?

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I hear the concerns and I'm just trying to figure out how it is that as a city we deal with these things that we need cell towers in the city and here T-Mobile probably not a place -- no one is going to want to be next to one of these, so I'm concerned about precedence that we would set. So my questions would be what's your recommendation and why? How do we handle these with PUD today? And are there rules and regulations to deal with this and how do they come into being or how are they applied?

>> Sure, Mr. Mayor. Yes, the staff is recommend it. This pud was originally approved in 2001. We honestly do not know why. We did some research and cannot figure out why telecommunication towers were excluded from the pud. That would be something unusual to do for the entire pud. The zoning and platting commission recommended it. We do have rather lengthy telecommunication regulations, over 100 regulations. However, we are restricted by the federal government as he said certain elements of those, but we do have certain requirements. This should be today before this particular tract in the pud, tract three, should the telecommunication towers be allowed, should they be allowed up to a height of 90 feet. They will still have to comply with all of the regulations in the telecom tower ordinance, many of which were referenced while the speakers were talking.

>> Pool: Mayor, I had a couple of questions along the same line for staff.

>> Mayor Adler: Just a second. So staff recommended this. All we're deciding today is is it a precluded use or not? Under our current pud standards it's not a precluded use. It was back in 2001. If today we say okay, you can put it on here they still have to meet the siting requirements that the city has and at what point would that -- would those come into play?

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>> So it would have to and those would come in when they actually filed the site plan application for the cell tower.

>> So it would be part of the site plan process.

>> He and if I could clarify. The zoning and platting commission actually forwarded without a recommendation.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: I'm looking at the at the at they communications tower erection. And it says can't be located within 50 feet of a multi-family area, but yet R telecommunications code says it's 200 feet from manufactured housing or other residential areas. This strikes me as a pretty striking situation of disparity, and this makes me very concerned that we're treating people who live in apartment complexes differently from people who live in single-family homes to the extent that they are, according to our code, it's okay from the city's perspective for the cell tower to be located significantly closer to an apartment than it would be to single-family homes, which I think is the point that crystal guy and maybe a couple other folks were pointing out. So the application meets O code requirements, although I'm airtight to the distance of the tower. It's more like 120 feet. I know that the applicant is saying it's closer to 200 feet. I think a survey would probably get us the reality of that. And yet we're still left with this disparity that's in our code. So I want to highlight this for the city manager or whoever is here to sit in for him that this is something that we absolutely need to take into consideration. And I frankly on the basis of that would vote no on this case aside -- even if it didn't have a valid petition. Because I want to point out that the Sheriff and the council should work to repair this disparity in the new code.

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It doesn't give equitable consideration to apartment dwellers. >> The buffering requirements that you see might be different under those circumstances. So so yes, there are differences that exist in the code today. They've existed in our code since the mid '80s that treat single-family and multi-family properties differently. And it extends a greater buffer, a greater courtesy to those that live in duplex, single-family type structures than a multi-family structure.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I just wanted some clarification on the pud that was approved in 2001. If I'm understanding correctly, there was a height limit when that was approved. And so please meal understand better why the staff is thinking that that height limit doesn't apply in this circumstance.

>> Just generally today we would not prohibit telecommunications facilities throughout most of the city. The FCC -- we have to make that provision to provide this -- these types of facilities, and when we're approving a pure not actually approving a location of a specific tower, it would be more whether or not the use is allowed. So this is something that we would today -- today we would say that we would not prohibit this type of use. And the location requirements would be determined by the site development standards that we provide by code.

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>> Kitchen: So a pud development is basically an agreement for a whole range of things. So today if we were doing a pud, are you saying -- am I understanding correctly for today's puds the issue a cell phone tower is not something that is part of an agreement?

>> It is only something that we regulate. It's something that we might look at, but it's not typically a use that we would prohibit. Just like we would not necessarily say that we would prohibit a religious assembly type use or a group home type use. There are certain uses that we would normally say if you have residential uses that you would allow a group home. Type of facility because cannot discriminate against that or could we discriminate against having a telecommunications facility that is something that we would not normally prohibit in this because of the need for having these facilities. And federal regulations that would normally say that you need to make an accommodation in your code to allow these type of uses.

>> Kitchen: I appreciate that. Let me see if I can be a little more specific. My question is today if we're approving a pud and we put a height limit on it, we could address whether or not we were agreeing to -- we wanted to agree to a cell phone tower because of the height.

>> I'm speaking to the use, not necessarily the height.

>> Kitchen: I'm talking about the height.

>> The height you could still limit. There are ways that you could provide cellular service that may allow I guess lower heights. It would provide less coverage, but there are probably ways to do that. You could not prohibit the use, but there are ways that you could probably set site development standards that wouldn't preclude it and L be able to provide.

>> Kitchen: So in 2001 when this pud was approved in 2001, part of the agreement that was made had to do with height limitations, right?

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>> It did. I think the reference to bung and structure, I think that was brought up. I can't speak to that. I think my staff also determined that there was not evidence that showed that it should have been one way or the other. I'm sure it was just a suggestion of the height and we look at builds, like the law department, and many times we talk about structures, wheth it's a building or a structure,

they're treated thee.am >> Kitchen: Okay. T the point I'm trying to understand is at the point that that pud was agreed to that it was agreed to with a height limitation, we can all speculate about what that meant or not, but there is a height limitation on it. That's what I wanted to determine.

>> And our code does make exceptions, even in single-family neighborhoods for heights of antenna.

>> Kitchen: The point I'm trying to make, Mr. Guernsey, is the agreement was reached in 2001 on a pud. And I'm trying to understand the parameters of what was agreed to at that time cause what we're being asked to dos I to change that agreement. Or some -- I'm hearing that some may be interpreting this as not contemplated by that agreement, but regardless that's what we're -- that's what we're being asked to do is to address that agreement. So that's what I wanted T confirm.

>> Yes, that is one of the things that you're being asked, yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's continue on. Further discussion? Councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: M Guernsey, sorry. So are you saying that under current FCC rules these re or telecommunicationev dices are allowed by right generally in zoning?

>> Generally. We should not be writing an ordinance that would prohibit these facilities within our community. And it's not typically a use that the staff would single out and say that they are prohibited. You make accommodations --

>> Casar: I'm trying to un rstand the precedent question that was asked by E mayor, which is are we setting some sort of negative precedent here or positive precedent by our action? But what I'm uerstanding from you is this is kind of a rare instance because generally these towers can be built on commercial property all over the city.

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It's just our decision here whether to change it on this property.

>> I think on the properties that are shown along Parmer lane that are maybe just further up the street or even across the tree they're zoned generally gr or retail or office that you would find these facilities permitted.

Casar: Understood. So this is a pretty unique case.

>> Yes.

>> Casar: I'm just trying to --

>> We do not have T many of these cases.

>> Casar: I don't know if I can voten this case thinking about just this or a broader issued it sounds like a pretty narrow issue.

>> Mayor Adler: Further discussi?on we ready to take a vote? Is there a motion? Is there a motion? The question I there a motion to amend the pud so as to is that what the motion would be, to allow the cell tower use.

>> Renteria: Mor, what would happen if we voted down, it's just not going to be built?

>> If it were not approved they would not be allowed to construct a cell phone tower at this location. And if there is a motion it would clarify that that would include a restriction that the tower be locate nod closer than 200 feet to a dwelling unit and be capped at 90 feethich is two conditions the applicant was offering.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. So we have a pud in front of us that doesn't allow it. I don't think that the evidence indicates to me that this was specifically considered as part of the pud. So I'm not sure that we can believe that this was part of the agreement that was made back then for me. So then the question do me is whether this is an appropriate use then to be there.

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And I'm really concerned about taking a position that would say this isn't an appropriate use becau I think we're going to get asked that more times. And the question is should these people aree able to avoid having a cell tower next to them because of the pud agreement that was adopted in 2001? Just becse these things have to happen and we're co trained. This is a really hard case given the nature of the particular facts on it. But if there was a motion, I would probably vote to approve it. Yes, councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Yeah. I'm not saying -- there are some difficult things to think about here. I think from my perspective there's not a particular ne for it in this location. I'm concerned about the proximity to apartments. I understand that that's within -- perhaps within the standards, so we can deal with that

another day. But I don't think that we know what was contemplated in 2001. We have no indication one way or the other. And there's-- considering the fact that there's a height limit on that pud, we don't know one way or the other anything about what was contemplated at that time and I'm not convinced there's a need for it. I can't support it at this time. We asked what would happen if we didn't vote for it. Doesn't the -- doesn't the owner have an opportunity to go and look for other options as was suggested by some of the testimony? I would think -- don't you have a question for you. I'm just making a point. I would think that he would have the opportunity to go, and I also understand that there's the potential for lower cell phone towers, which someone stated.

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So that wouldn't have to be taller. I'm not convinced that this needs to be this tall.

>> Mayor Adler: I'm going to ask a question about the other locations in the deal. And I guess if someone comes to a pud today to the council and said we want to form a pud and by the way in our pud we don't want a cell phone tower, I don't know that I would support that because that's a way of saying I don't want it, but I want other people to have it. So I would have problems with that kind of prohibition just because I don't think that's right. We would all like somebody else to have the cell phone tower. So I'm not sure I could ever support that pud. Would you come up and address the question of is there an alternative of what happens if we don't do this?

>> Thanks, mayor. With the search ring and the exhausted properties that we looked at, there's no alternative that we can see within that area. A lot of the discussion Ms. Kitchen had talked about height. We just can't find anything where they talk about structure, where it was a building letter. But going back to height, we're in the age of small cells. We have ability to do certain things in certain spots, but it has to be a macro site to download the other macro sites and talk to each other. >> Itch K: May I ask a follow-up question?

>> Mayor Adler: You certainly can and we can talk about it, but my sense is we can probably put it to a vote. With the valid petition it's going to take -- if there are two people against it or three people, it's not going to happen.

>> We would be willing to provide the 200-foot survey.

>> Kitchen: What was your question?

>> Kitchen: If --

>> Mayor Adler: What was your question?

>> Kitchen: If you want to move forward, that's fine.

>> Mayor Adler: What was your question?

>> Kitchen: Who are you trying to serve with this cell tower service?

>> The T Mobile --

>> Kitchen: WHAs on your property and are you trying to serve your property or beyond your property?

>> No. Well, actually, it was serve a little bit of the property because it's a little bit of a height variance situation.

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We're serving the community. There's multiple vehicles that we're serving for mobile traffic and data and everybody. So if you look at that ring that I showed you for rf, it's very outreaching.

>> Kitchen: I guess -- I'm sorry, I'm not as familiar with what -- what's on your property.

>> There's commercial retail.

>> Kitchen: So why -- so you don't need this cell service tower just for your property. It's something that's owed that you're thinking is needed for the area.

>> For the community, yes, ma'am.

>> Kitchen: Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: Further discussion? >>

>> Flannigan: I find it pretty compelling that we wouldn't exempt areas from the regulations that apply everywhere. We had a cell tower go in in district 6. The community was concerned, but because it was on church property, on commercial property we actually couldn't deny it. So I don't understand how I can justify denying it in this case. Nobody likes this kind of stuff, but the rules are the rule and these telecom rules really are federal, if nothing else. So mayor, I'm willing to make the motion when you feel the time is appropriate.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember alter.

>> Alter: I appreciate that we don't want to eliminate opportunity to build this, but I don't think the decision on an existing podium to change a lot here there's a clear height limit is the same thing as eliminating it on a podium where it hasn't been built because presumably at the time that they're imagining that podium, the people who are imagining it, they own it and they get to decide in this case if the folks who are living nearby don't have a say in that and we are providing additional entitlements that impact them and it's just to -- to me I don't see that that is an exact parallel.

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We are providing them additional rights that they don't have at this point in time so I'm not going to be able to support this.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's take a vote. I don't think this is going to go anywhere. An talk about it more. Councilmember pool? Councilmber pool was next? Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: So the city manager is back now so I wanted to address my concern about the disparity in our code. We've got disparities in many places in our code that should be fixed in the new co and this is one of them. It just isn't proper, I don't think, for the towers to be permitted to B so close to apartment buildings in comparison to others. I recognize that as councilmember Flannigan has pointed out the feds have told us that we're not allowed to intervene in some other area likes the churches, for example, and I think that's in our code as well. But to the extent that we can address things I think we need to remove these disparities from our code. So over and above my vote no on this here today, I would ask that we move forward specifically on this. I think it was 25.2.286. I don't remember anymore. I handed out the code here to mayor pro tem. It was 839 telecommunications. Thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: The interesting question would be do you ensure that single-family homes have no greater protection than apartments just because they're single-family homes or how do you councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Just a last quick point just to explain why I can't support this. I don't see this as prohibiting a use we're simply saying that the use needs to fit within the parameters of the pud requirements. So it is possible for cell service to be made available if it's needed in a different way, not for the whole community, yes, and not as a high tower, but I don't think that we have any obligatit this point in time to approve that. We're not prohibiting the uses of cell phone service.

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>> Mayor Adler: Is there a motion to approve the staff recommendation? Councilmember Renteria? First, Mr. Flannigan makes that motion. Is there a second to that motion?

>> [Inaudible].

>> Mayor Adler: We'll second that. Councilmember Renteria.

Renteria: Yes. What I'm ccerned about is out Aben we do look about the distance and have some equity involved, but, you know, there is cell towers in my neighborhood that are in district 2, I mean 3, and it seems like where we might be able to -- I don't know how it's going to be affected by apartment builders there because there's a lot of vacant land around there is that we really need to look into how we're going handle that where there's already

apartments next to it: I mean, you had a 50-foot requirement on apartments. Is it going to be -- are we going to restrict apartments from being built next to a ce toll that's 100-foot, 150-foot? We really need to look at that also.

>> Mayor Adler: There's a motion and a second. Further comment? Councilmember harper-madison harper-madison?

>> Harper-Madison thank you, Mayor. I wanted to express some of the things my colleagues have said, including we need to revisit this subject matter and also to say that this is a really good time for us to address environmental justice, and I hope that when conversations come up around landfills and some of the other issues that district residents have had to endure that the conversation is as robust. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: We've had a motion and a second.

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Further discussion on the dais? Let's take a vote.

>> Flannigan: Mayor, I want to note that there are cell phone towers in every corner of the city. Every conversation about landfills has been robust and not always to the benefit of the community, but they will be in the future.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's take a vote. Those in favor of the motion to approve the allowance of cell phones on the property please raise your hand? I'm sorry, Flannigan, Renteria and me. Those opposed raise your hand? Those abstaining? The Mayor pro tem abstains. Councilmember Casar is off the dais. The others voting no. It does not pass. Before we go to the next item I think before we do music, let's go back and double back and pick up the item number 27. Councilmember Pool and Hentz, we have about 10 minutes before we go to music. Do you think we could handle this in the next 10 minutes? I think it might be a 10-minute item. Do either one of you want to make this motion?

>> Pool: Yeah, I'll move adoption of this resolution directing the city manager to write a letter in support of the Clean Water Act and the waters of the United States. And I appreciate everybody's help on this one. And I think we have just a few people who want to make some comments.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. That sounds good. There's been a motion on item number 27. Is there a second to this item? Councilmember Kitchen conds this item. Let's call the speakers. Mr. Foster, do you want to come on up. Is Roy Whaley here? No. So you will have three minutes.

>> Thank you, Mayor and councilmembers. It's good to be here again. My name is David Foster, state director for Clean Water Action here in Texas, and I'm here to speak in support of this resolution.

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I want to thank Councilmember Pool for taking the lead role in getting this before you. And Councilmembers Kitchen, Alter and Ellis for co-sponsoring. This resolution would put the city of Austin on record as opposed to the Trump administration's idea of replacing the Clean Water Rule with a new rule. This new rule. The Clean Water Rule by the way is the rule that spells out which waterways in the U.S. are subject to protections under the federal Clean Water Act. And what the Trump administration's rule would do specifically is deny protections to streams, that dry up part of the year and wetlands in the

united States that do not have a direct surface connection to surface water. This amounts to over half of our nation's wetlands. Think about what this would mean for flooding in places like Houston. And conservatively 18% of our nation's stream miles. The impacts on western states like Texas would be especially severe because of the drier climate. Some 80% of stream miles in Texas dry up during a typical year. Including, of course, tributaries that flow into the Colorado river when they flow. This is of course our drinking water supply. So for us this is first and foremost about protecting the water that we drink. If allowed to go forward, the Trump administration's proposal, which we call the dirty water rule, would roll back protections -- this would be the most serious roll back of Clean Water Act protection since the act was passed in 1972. And the purpose of that act was to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of our nation's waters, but you can't protect the larger waterways like the Colorado river, without protecting their tributaries even -- sorry. Any more than you can protect your arteries without protecting your veins and capillaries. So I urge you to support this resolution, and I especially appreciate the language at the end which invites the people of Austin, Texas to submit comments. The comment deadline is this coming Monday, April 15, at 10:59 central Texas time.

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On speaking of comments, I do have some of our clean water action field canvass team members, please stand up. These are the folks who educate day in and day out, knocking on doors, and in the last couple of months they have picked up some 5,000 comments from Austin residents to go into the federal docket. So thank you, clean water action field canvass team. And please support this resolution. I'll be happy to answer any questions if you have them.

>> Mayor Adler: Mr. Foster, Mr. Whaley walked in while you were speaking to you have a little more time if you want it.

>> Well, I don't know that I really need it. Make up something. I can tell you that I've corresponded with Chris Harrington of the watershed protection department. He gave me some numbers on what this could mean for the city of Austin, and I will scroll down to my notes and find them and not trust my memory so Chris says that watershed protection estimates that there are more than 847 miles, open channels in the city, not -- that's excluding the Colorado river. And most of these will dry up part of the year. This includes even parts of creeks like Shoal, which at best according to Chris, are perennial pools, so pools that stay wet all year long, but parts of them also dry up. So we really need to make sure that we're protecting not just some, but all of the waters of the United States. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Next speaker is Craig Naser.

>> Hello, I'm speaking here because I found out not too long ago that I'm the oldest, the longest continuous supporter of clean water action in Texas. These people came to my house in 1988 and I was a graduate student at UT, and I had grown up in a town on the shores of Lake Erie where to this day is one of the 10 most toxic beaches in the United States.

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And on the road a river caught fire and they couldn't put it out for three days.

-- Three days. So when I got to Austin I was interested in this issue. And this a good organization and I support what they're doing here and I support this. When I -- in 1971 I went to case western reserve and I took the first course they have ever offered in ecology. And what we did in this course was fascinating. We did a survey of the Kihoga river. That river is not very long. It's like a hook. At the upper ends it was pristine. It was so clean. I remember all the stuff I found. It was just incredible. If you get down to where all the heavy dumping was in and it just turned into a horrible mess. Well, what's happened with the clean water act is we cleaned up a lot of that horrible mess. Not all of it, but a lot of it. But now in order to make money, what's happened is companies have produced a lot of these substances that get out into non-point source pollution. So you have oil grease in your cars and people spray all kinds of poisons and glyphosate, and this is non-point source and this pollutes the upper areas as well. And this has increased. So in order for the clean water act to work properly, we absolutely need to include this and I think it's wonderful that the city council is doing this and I strongly support it. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you, sir. Is Matt Armstrong here? All right. There is a motion and a second on this item number 27. Yes, councilmember Alter.

>> Alter: I just wanted to recognize the clean water action team. I think one of my earliest political investments was with a clean water act amendment in the early '90s. And doing exactly what you're doing for people. And I know how important that is and the education that you're doing for our community is very important, so thank you.

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>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's take a vote. Those in favor of item number 27, please raise your hand? Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais with councilmember Flannigan off. All the others voting aye. It passes. All right. It is 5:30, so we're going to take recess. Wally hear a little music, have proceeds, come back, we'll do the zoning case that remains and then we'll pick up the land development code. With that at 5:29 we're in recess. It's going to 5.

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>> Mayor Adler: How we doing? Do you guys good? Yo set? All right. We get to the -- I don't know if this is on. We get to absolutely the best part of city council meetings. When as the live music capital we always pause, get a little live music in here and turn this into a class joint. And it's just one of the real things that differentiate Austin and our city council I think from city councils all over the country and all over the world. This is what we do, we take the live music, we press it into the walls so that at midnight we can pull it back out of the walls and keep going. So it's just a real thrill when our local artists join us. And tonight we have the Harvest Thieves. The Harvest Thieves is a Corrie, Wes, Mike, Anna, Michael, Dustin. Making an

ini believe mark on their -- indelible mark on their hometown. They have blended into the larger americanaandscape into recent years, but there is a band that harkens back to the dead center focus of the genre. Their songs gather the most visualner details of their crossroads and recount the experiences in a mannerhat T provides an openness and honesty that most parents never approach. They confidently turn out versions of classics from Neil young and dougong books.

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Please join me in welcoming harvest thieves.

[Applause].

>> Thank y'all very much. It's a real honor to be here. We appreciate it.

[♪Music♪].

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>> Thank you so very much.

[Applause].

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you so much. What a treat. Hey, if anybody is watching this now or watching it later and they want to find you, do you have like a website, a Facebook page?

>> We do. It's harvestthieves.com.

>> Mayor Adler: And if they want to get some of their music what would be the best way for them to do that?

>> You can find it all there too.

>> Mayor Adler: And if they want to come hear you play, are you having any gigs in the area coming up?

>>Re actually playing at empire [indiscernible] Tomorrow night with Charlie Marr. He's a country blues troubadour from Austin, Minnesota.

>> It's kind of like being at home.

>> Mayor Adler: Thanks so much for gracing us tonight. It's a real treat.

>> Thank y'all for having us. Appreciate it.

[Applause].

>> Mayor Adler: And before we do, let me Rea a proclamation. Be it known that whereas the city of Austin, Texas is blessed with many creative musicians whose talent extends to virtually every musical

genre and whereas our music scene thrives because Austin audiences support good music produced by local legends, newcomers alike. And whereas we are pleased to showcase a support our local artists, now therefore I, Steve Adler, mayor of the live music capitol, together with my colleagues on the council, do hereby proclaim April 11th of the year 2019 as harvest thieves day in Austin, Texas. Thank you.

[Applause].

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>> Renteria: If all of y'all can just come down. Since we are just one big family. Do we have everyone? We're here to honor our men local union. I have a proclamation here to read. Be it known that whereas the American federation of state, county and municipal employees local 1624 known as afscme has provided 50 years of valuable service and advocacy to city of Austin employees and working families in our community. And whereas during that time the members and leaders of afscme local 1624 have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of working people in Austin successfully waging campaigns to promote and secure fair municipal civil service rules, higher wages, improved health and retirement benefit, pay equity, non-discrimination policy and safe working conditions.

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And whereas afscme local 1624 continue to be a positive and powerful force for social and economic justice in our region by standing in solidarity and working side by side with a diverse coalition of justice oriented individuals and organization that swiftly address injustice like retaliation, sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination. And whereas the city of Austin highly valuing the contribution of working families and dedicated public servants recognize afscme local 1624 as a vital partner in this effort to create a stronger community that prioritize fairness, dignity, respect and opportunity for all. Now therefore I, Pio Renteria, councilmember for district 3 on behalf of mayor Steve Adler and the city council of the city of Austin do hereby proclaim April 12th, 2019 as afscme local 1624 day in Austin.

[Applause]. And now a few words from the president.

>> Hello, everybody. My name is Yvonne Flores, I'm the president of afscme local 1624. I want to thank this opportunity to -- take this opportunity to thank you so much for letting my brothers and sisters here to be here today. Very excited. I want you to know first and foremost before I'm a public servant that comes with the responsibility of helping everyone when it comes to the workplace, better wages, health insurance and just having a good camaraderie with all of our brothers and sisters. I want you to know I'm a public servant but I'm also a proud union afscme member.

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This starts from my family. My mother was a retired union member with aid and she said if you want a voice, it's not a voice with one by yourself. You have to have a group of people standing behind you. And these guys are always standing together. We're going to keep fighting for better working conditions. We also have a vote pac conference coming up November 2nd. If you pay taxes, you've got to get involved with the political process. And union is doing that to get all our members involved with what they need to know about when it comes to Texas, where you live, where you work and how you can make things better. So please join us on November 2nd and spread the word because we're going to have some public officials that are going to be here representing and speaking and giving us good information. Is Greg Casar here? Hey, you did the all conference and you're fabulous so you're going to do a speech at our conference too. I'm letting you know, heads up. Thank you so much and power the people.

[Cheers and applause]

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>> Garza: All right. Good evening. My name's Delia Garza. I'm mayor pro tem, I also represent district 2, southwest Austin. This week is the week of the young child and I'm really proud to be part of the council who has made affordable child care a high priority. Child care is the second highest cost. I often say I have three mortgages, my mortgage, my law school loan and a child care. So I'm so grateful of how all our nonprofits, our city, our county, we've been really moving that needle on acceptable high quality child care. Be it known that whereas young children need high quality early care and education, because the first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for future learning, and whereas working families need sufficient high quality affordable child care beginning at birth, and whereas early childhood educators need the ability to earn a family-sustaining wage commensurate with the education and skills they bring to the complex valuable work that they do, therefore, I, on behalf of mayor Steve Adler for the city of Austin, do hereby proclaim April 8th through the 12th, 2019, as the week of the young child. Yay!

[Applause]

>> Good evening, everyone. My name is Cody Sommerville and I'm the president of the Austin chapter of the Texas association for the education of young children, and as mayor pro tem has said, this is one of the great weeks across the country. It's the week of the young child. The week of your child is an annual celebration that spotlights early learning young children, their families, teachers, and communities. And today I'd just like to share a little bit about early childhood programs in our community.

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Affordable high quality early childhood programs are an essential aspect of a community's infrastructure. They contribute to the functioning of a community's economy today by increasing the productivity of the workforce. Its families do not have to worry about the safety of their child when they

have high quality programs to entrust their child to when they're working. High quality child -- early childhood programs also contribute to the economy of tomorrow as children who attend high quality early childhood programs are more likely to graduate from college, earn higher wages, and are less likely to be incarcerated. The in connection the average cost of child care is \$9,102 a year. This is almost the same cost of tuition at U.T. Austin. The early cost of early childhood programs is a significant burden to families, and especially to our working class families. As our community continues to grow, we must put equal stock into ensuring equitable access to affordable high quality early childhood programs and attracting new businesses to our community. Ensuring affordability cannot be done on the backs of teachers and revenue who already are grossly underpaid, leaving them without financial security and lack of access to affordable housing. I invite all the councilmembers to attend a screening of the documentary "No small matter" on May 2nd at 2 o'clock here in the council chamber. This event is sponsored by Austin public health and the Austin chapter of EYC from Mayor Pro Tem Garza. We will spur a range of city departments into finding innovative solutions to find affordable high quality early childhood programs possible in our community. We're appreciative of many of the programs the city of Austin has in place to support, quality early childhood programs, and look forward to partnering with the council to make sure these programs are maintained and additional solutions are found to meet the changing needs of our community.

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Thank you, councilmembers, for all you do for young families and -- for young families and children here in Austin.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: We have another proclamation. Be it known that whereas Americans are the victims of million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status. Therefore, each April the United States Department of Justice office for victims of crime helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observance of national crime victims week.

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And whereas this commemorative week celebrates the energy, persistence, and commitment that launched the victim rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and whereas the 2019 national crime victims right week theme honoring our past and creating hope for the future emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victims' services; and whereas the city of Austin is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime resilience in our communities and victim responders working for justice, for all victims and survivors; now, therefore, I, Steve Adler, Mayor of the city of Austin, Texas, together with my colleagues on the council, do hereby proclaim April 7th through the 13th of the year 2019 as crime victims rights week in Austin, Texas.

[Applause] Okay. And, Claire, I think you're going to accept this and give us some words? There you are.

>> Okay. I'm Godfrey with Austin, Texas victim services. We're honored to be here today. The national movement to support victims of crime started around 1984 and A.P.D. Services actually started in 1980, so we've been a little bit ahead of the curve for while. We started with one counselor. We now have 37 full-time counselors supporting victims of crime. And -- and we're really happy about it.

[laughter] We - today, for us, is just a day to honor the impact of all the victims.

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[Baby crying]

[Laughter]>> That's okay. Lots of things are traumatic. So we're here to honor the victims and the experiences that they've had and the trauma that they've experienced, so thank you for letting us be a part of your day.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Let's take a picture.

>> And they say in show business, never follow cute kids. Don't want to be doing that. My name is Jimmy Flannigan, city councilmember for district 6 but I also represent the city on the capcog, that's a regional council of governments that has a big responsibility for our 911 system. It's pretty fitting after we recognize victim services week we're going to recognize public safety telecommunicator week for all our 911 folks across the region that provide such a vital service while people are experiencing these critical and horrible moments. So I'll read the proclamation. Be it known whereas the capital area council of governments is a political subdivision of the state serving Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson counties, and whereas capcog is committed to providing a high quality emergency communication system to the residents of the region of which the 911 telecommunicators, are the true backbone of the 911 system, they are the link between people calling for help in an emergency situation and the emergency response agencies who arrive on the scene; and whereas capcog recognizes the professional and unending services of the telecommunicators, who answer 911 calls on a daily basis, now, therefore, I Jimmy Flannigan, city councilmember district 6, for Steve Adler and our entire city council, do hereby proclaim April 14th to the 20th, of 2019, as public safety telecommunicator week in Austin, Texas.

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[Applause]

>> Good afternoon, everybody. My name is assistant chief Richard Guajardo. I was promoted as assistant chief by Brian Manley. The first conversation we had, you're going to have south patrol bureau

and communications bureau underneath Y. I've been doing this job for 22 years and I've been in a lot of different units, home,ic robbery, immigrant protection, a lot of highly qualified professional people in those its. So I was a little apprehensive en they gave me an opportunity to be over communications. So when I got TRE, the first thing that I realized, just meeting andalki T to the men and women of ctec, the telecommunicators that work there every day, they truly areirst F responders. What we think of first responders is fire, police, ems. In reality, we have 911 call takers that pic up that phone and answer the call and figure out what the problem is, what issues, what kind of services and help you need. And they're the first ones that have to go through that and have to respond in a way to calm T person on the other end of the line. And so when I started working out there more and talking to more folks, I realized that they are the true first responders. And they are the lifeline, not only to the officers, emts, the firemen, but they are the lifeline to the community. When youl,al they send the help. And so I'm honored to be here today to accept this proclamation. Thank you, councilmember Flannigan, and thank you, council, and thank you,ayor, for doing this.

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Telecommunicators week is next week and I'm just proud to be here today. It's my birthday. Chief Manley was like, stay home, enjoy your birthday. I was like, no, I want to be here today and I'm gla I want to THA the ems chiefs, assistant chiefs, lieutenants and Peter Benke from capcog who's here today as well for helping out. Lieutenant Ken Murphy, and just say thank you very much. On behalf of the men and women of ctec and the telecommunicators there. I appreciate it.

[Applause]

>> Tovo: Odgo evening. I'm councilmember Kathie tovo and I represent city council district 9. I have the honor of presenting the following distinguished service award to Mickey Maya. Mickey Maya is a certified city planner specializing in water and sewer utility rates and impact fees, and she has served on our Austin's water and wastewater commission since 2010.

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She's been principal of rim rock consulting company for 27 years, Servin cities and other types of utilies throughout Texas, new Mexico, Arizona, and Georgia, and she has a master's degree in community and regional planning and undergraduate degree in Latin americandiestu from U.T. She served on the commission since 2010, bringing considerable expertise from her professional work to our volunteer boards and commissions and has really impacted the policies at the city of Austin tremendously and we're so grateful to her for that really intense service. As a member, she served as the chair of the joint committee on Austin water utity financial plan since 2011. This was during a period of time where we were going through a drought and water usage had gone down and we were having some really serious financial difficulties, some really -- some very challenging questions coming up for the water you've met she was a member of the commission budget committee chair and -- commission budget committee,

and she she observed as chair I 2015, and in these positions, she worked with comssioners, she worked with our appointed bodies and the staff to achieve T

following: To restructure utility rates to optimize the objectives of reducing water utility revenue volatility while encouraging conservation and enhancing water affordability. To increase water and sewer impact fees to fully recover growth cost, and this reduced rate payer's costs by \$294 million over ten years. She encouraged aw staff to reduce budget expenses by \$30 million in fiscal year 2015 to mitigate rge rate increases in the fes of deep reductions in water sales. Changes that, as I'm sure you understand,mpacted every one of our bills during that period of time, every one of our water bills. They worked on changing the service extension request procedures to more fully recover owth costs and to reduce -- again, to reduce rate payer cost responsibility, and to encge the staff to review and to change other routine fees to more completely recover costs of special services.

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Some of the other efforts she's been involved with included reviewing the -- the proposed decker lake golf proposal, water objectives with particular attention to rate structures for new, as opposed to converted reclaimed water customers, with the urpose of reducing our utilities losses for this service. D then also the consideration of appropriate payment by the water utility customer base for decker lake water resources. Along with other members of E water and wastewater commission, Mickey Maya served jointly with members of the electric uty commission in a working group to investigate water customer meter billing and customer errors that were causing concern among many ra payers. So on behalf of the mayor and the entire city council, Mickey, I just want to thank you for that tremendous service. This was, as I mentioned, complex work, intense work, it was often during perds of some challenging times for the city a we faced some financial -- some financial questions up ahead with the water utility. So on behalf of mayor Adler and my colleagues on th cite council, I'd like to present you with the following distinguished service award. For her untiring service and commitment to the residents of Austin during her nine-year tenure on the water and wastewater cssion, Mickey Maya is deserving of public acclaim and the certificate is presented in acknowledge a lot and appreciation thereof, this 11th day of April in the year 2019, an is signed by our mayor, Steve Adler. Congratulations.

[Applause] And I'd like to iite Mr. Gerald schlescher to say a for a words, then we'd love for you to follow him.

>> Thank you, councilmember tovo. I'm representing Austin water today. We already missed commissioner Maya but we're glad she's getting ready to move on to other pursuits.

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Asou can tell from what councilmember tovo just read, commissi Maya came to the water/wastewater commission, very experienced inhe T water industry, very experienced with waterlities, and she knew

how to apply that. She could also -- sometimes she could be pretty tough, and sometimes that's required in that position. There were a few times where I had to explain to some staff members, you know, she's really trying to help, she's really trying to help us, and is going to help us there, and I think the times she did that the most, council member Tovo has already been through that. But during the historic drought that we had, 2011 was the peak year of that, she led that joint committee on finance and just pushed that through the -- put it together, and that was not -- that was both cutting expenses and restructuring the way the utility charged for water, and then she brought it up to the city council, it was important for us in taking it there you the

-- in taking it through the city council. That has been the central moment or ask force, whatever, that helped stabilize our finances and now we're having zero rate increase for two years in a row, and we just have stable finances and still very strong conservation program. Commissioner Maya was the lead on that and we'll never forget it at Austin water.

[Applause]

>> Well, thank you, council member, for inviting me to do this work. I really wouldn't say that I had any skills that would be useful to Austin, so I was very happy to that. And of course you know, Darrell knows for sure, that all this work is collaborative.

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All of it is. And with other water and wastewater commissioners, W staff who is extremely knowledgeable and dedicated and works really long hours, especially during the drought period of time, worked like double jobs to get through that, other commissioners from other boards and commissions, the American statesman writers, and many others, organization members and members of the public that came forward with solutions as well. So thank you very much, and on behalf of all of us, thank you for the recognition.

[Applause]

>> Tovo: So our next honoree is Joanne Schatz, and I know she has many tappers in the audience to celebrate her. I'd like to invite you all to come up.

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Joanne Schatz has been teaching tap dancing in Austin, Texas since 1985, and it's probably safe to say that thousands of Austinites have had the joy of tap in their lives because of Joanne. Joanne received her master's education in special education from the University of Memphis in Tennessee and her bachelor of arts from the University of Texas. She has been an adjunct faculty member at St. Ed's teaching beginning tap and intermediate tap and understanding and appreciating the arts. Since 2003 she's been a tap dancer at a school of dance and since 2013 -- and I'm particularly excited about this -- she's been a tap dance instructor for city employees, and many of us here today, I think, have been in her classes as city

employees. She teaches as part of the physical education program that the city of Austin sponsors through its wellness program. In addition to teaching Joann has already had a successful Carr in corography, working for productions such as hillbilly heaven, directed by Joe serious sears, others directed by Joe sears. She has done all kinds of interesting things from participating in a flash mob of tap dancers at don's depot in 2015 to teaching the cast of the tomato that eight Cleveland how to tap, as well as choreographing the pieces. She has pformed in productions such as the king and I, little me, a funnyngappened on the way to the forum, guys and dolls, how to succeed, and many more, and she also participated in stomp off bra -- off Broadway and European tour. It's in an orchestra and has done lots of other things. We're so grateful for all of your work, and'm also going to now recognize councilmember Ann kitchen, also one of her students to tell a little story.

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>> Kitchen: Yes, I just want -- I have Laura Morrison, former councilmember to thank for getting me into this tap class, so -- but I just have to tel you what a wonderful teacher she is. She's very patient with us. So -- because we've -- you know, ou

-- you know, what we do is maybe a minute and a half, two minutes, in terms of our dances, but is takes us an entire year remember them. Sohe's very -- and the other thing, I just have to note for you all is she's a dedicated te sr,'s a great teacher. She teaches come rain or shine, whether she's got a -- whatever you did to your ankle .she taught us with a boot on, you know, and so we just very much appreciate her. Very, very much. So thank you.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: And so, on behalf

-- >> Tovo: So on behalf of mayor Adler and my colleagues, I'd like torese P the following proclamation did the wheas Joann Schatz is celebrating 340 years of teaching tap dance in Austin and whereas in 2013 Joann instructor for our tap dancing class, she's influenced 150 employees including three city council members, whereas her professional credits include education from St. Edward's university, performing at Esther's foleys and stomp off Broadway, with the Texas abortion rights action league, whereas thousands of austinites have embraced the joy of tap dancing because Joann, I, Kathie tovo, on behalf of Steve Adler, mayor of the city of Austin, Texas, hereby proclaim April 14th, 2019, as Joann Schatz day in Austin, Texas. Congratulations.

[Applause]

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>> I really --ou know, all of these people that came up earlier had done really important things, and all I've done is dance, which is something that I love doing, and,you know, to be recognized for that is really

amazing. Austin has been really good to me. I've danced all these years, I mean, really, over 40 years here, and I've had have a few jobs along the way, you know, to make it work, but this is really, really nice. I was going to kind of go through some of the places that I taught here in Austin. I was thinking back over all of this, and, you know, the university, I don't know if anyone is old enough to remember the university Y on Guadalupe. It was so cheap to rent space it was on the second floor. Alan Pogue had his dark room there, I'm sure we we drove him crazy because we were tapping and as T wing to do his work. That probably no lonrge exists. I taught on a loading dock outside on fourth street with a boom box and an extensiond, and that probably is now a trendy restaurant. I taught -- let's see, where else? Oh, the Austin opera house, Willie's place. Somebody in that group worked the and said, hey, on Monday nights we could tap on the stage. I was like, okay. So we had ass there. That no longer exists. Liberty lunch, I performed there. I tapped on the sge and the bar, and we know what's happened to liberty lunch. Sixth street, I taught in at least two dance studios on the second floor buildings on east 6th,as well as neches and we know now that's impossible.

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At the time there was one bar on 6th street and pecan street cafe, and the rest were lofts and artists. That doesn't exist anymore. St. Ed's where I've been 30 years, two years ago tore down the building where my tap dance studio was to put up a new dorm. And I still teach there. I teach a dance history class, but you kind of see where I'm going. It's -- you know, I know you know the problem here. But I just want my voi to be contributing to theonversation that we need to do something about space and affordability for our creative community that we appreciate so muc here. Now, on the other hand, the fact that -- that the city of Austin has a P.E. Program to keep the employees healthy, that's wonderful, and the fact that you offer tap dance, how cool is that? Thank you so much. Thank you.

[Cheers and applause]

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>> Tovo: We are fortunate to have a great group of U.T. Students with us here this evening. Thank you all. If you'd come to the front. So as mentioned, I'm Kathie tovo and I represent city council district 9, which includes much of the U.T. Are the west campus area. So tonight I'd like to recognize participants in the healthy student organization program. The healthy student organization program started at the university of Texas to encourage and to recognize student organizations for their positive efforts in health and wellness. And since its commencement four years ago, the program has grown to more than 80 student organizations, impacting around -- about 5,000 students. These organizations have been models in making healthy choices focused on plcahy activity, on nutrition, community service, social support, and mental health. They've raised thousands of dollars for philanthropic causes, they've inspired members to make healthy choices in their lives and planned fun activities throughout Austin. The organizations have done a range of amazing activities and philanthropic events, deep breathing into

their meetings, hosting fund raising events for the national alliance oenta M health O name, they have organized field days for social events, they have had group fitness classes, ramural teams, they volunteered at university athletic events, participated in runs including the U.T. Longhorn run, the Austin heart and stroke walk, they formed teams to fund raise for the children's miracle netwo dance marathon and held fund-raisers for medical supplies in the countrieshey visit and knowledge other service events and fund raising projects throughout the year. Thank you a you will on behalf of E entire city council we thank you all for your efforts, your commitment to service and into improving the lives of students and th whole community. Tonight we're going to be recognizing these organizatns for their leadership in improving the longhorn college experience for their members.

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I'd like to introduce Mally >> My name is Britney, I'm assistant director in the longhorn wellness center which is part of university health services in the mental health center at U.T. Austin. I am lucky to stand here and really be standing in front of these great students and representing them. This program started about four years ago, as a way to try to help student ohgs find ways to incorporate health and wellness into organizations and I can stay they've gone above and beyond what the vision of this program ever was. The diversity of the activities they engage in, the organizations part of this program, have not just made anmpact on their own groups but have had an impact on U.T. Austin's campus and an impact in the city of Austin. So I think I can speak for everyone when I say we're Rea appreciative to be here. I know I'm truly inspired to get to work the students as dedicated and passionate as they are, and I think they bring inspiration to any cnitymu or any group who wants to mak cnges for the better to the communities we arepart of. So thank you, and thank you all for everything you do, and I hope we continue to be here each year. So thank you.

>> Tovo: Thank you. So I'm going to read out the names of the organizations, and if you -- when you hear your organization called, if you'd step up, then we'll take -- at the D we'll take one big group photo. So the bronze recognized organizations include the American medic student sociation, black health professions, global nutrition and medicine, student engineering uncil, and Texas crew.soongratulations.

[Appe] The silver organizations are students for pednn parenthood, Texas pearls, Texas wranglers, the such collegiate association.

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Congratulations.

[Applause] Sorry, I think that's shukai organization. Gold, these received alpha epsilon delta, engineers for sustainable world, global medical training, health science scholars council, ismaili muslimsdents association, hindu students association, longhorn prepharmacy ociation, the natural sciences council, the student health advisory committee, Texas bl ts, azexas bluebonnets, T infinites, Texas lady birds,

Texas name -- you're seeing a pattern here -- Texas public health, Texas running club, Texas taiquondo, congratulations. Hopefully we haven't missed any organization names there, but thank you again and for all of your work, and we look forward to acknowledging our organizations next year. So congratulations.

[Applause]

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>> Mayor Adler: All right. We have a quorum, it's 7:06. Colleagues, I think what we have left is the zoning case 45. And then the land development code public hearing. Let's begin with the zoning case. Why don't you lay that out.

>> Mayor, Jerry Rusthoven with the planning and zoning department. 2015 CAS 4 npa 2018-012-02 sh for the property at 2107 Amo, to amend the fm to go from single-family to multi-family. And the related case at the same address is item 45, c-14-2018-0100. Sh, is a requested zoning from sf 3 to mf 4-co-np with the co limited to five units was approved your last meeting on first reading. Since that meeting occurred we have taken a look at the survey of the property. You may remember they came up at the public hearing last time. We have determined that the property is actually six feet wider. The petition remains valid. The six feet did not materially affect the petition. So this case is ready for your approval on second and third readings. And I'm available for you have any questions. The public hearing was left open.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. I'll call out items 44 and 45 together. And I'm going to invite the applicant to begin speaking and then I'll invite the people that have signed up to speak to speak on -- come up and speak on b44h and 45. The applicant wants to come on down, then we'll give you five minutes. You will also have the ability to be able to close at the E.

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But you can go ahead and get start

>> Thank you,, Glenn Coleman from the applicant and I have the developer here with us as well. So not a surprise there. Thank you for the postponement two weeks ago. We were unable to -- two things that the postponement did not affect. We did get a chance to do the new survey and as Mr. Rusthoven pointed out it did not have a material effect on the petition. Brought it down a little bit, but not quite enough. Nor did it make the lot subdividable, the extra ground. Thank you for the postponement, but unfortunately I'm going to move it from there. This is a lot in the blackland neighborhood east of the university of Texas in district 1. It is an 123-3 lot. The applicant is seeking not to divide the lot, to up zone the lot into mf-4-co. The conditional overlay limits that mf 4 to 40 feet of height and limits it to five units. One of the units will then be -- gen -- I say given. Sold at cost or below cost to probably the blackland CDC. If they cannot afford it for any reason, then it still goes into your 60% mfi and your smart hsiou program. So we would certainly off that to Guadalupe or one of the other community

development corporations, but in any case that's already been accepted into your smart housing program. So that is sort of locked in that you're getting his T unit at 0% mfi for 99 years. Blackland has also been given a right of refusal. Some of you have seen that letter, but I think it was council member tovo who asked to see THA that right of refusal letter be signed. And we have since done that as per your request from first reading. The goal is pretty simple we would like to -- we are building these units, these are two-tos with scarce ways so we're hoping that this would be maybe double income, first kid, single income second kid.

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Maybe that an attempt to pull families back into this area which is thinning out for children. Campbell elementary is suffering and beginning to lose its elementary enrollment and this is an attempt by me and the developer and the neighborhood and the neighborhood association to put some units on the ground, some market units that will attract families, but also one affordable is all we can do on a very small lot to try and reverse that trend. To review, this is right next to a community garden and a park. We feel like it would be a sad thing if this unit went to a massive sf 3, single sf 3, when it could be shared by more people and more individuals. I'll touch on the -- to remind community support, community support since first reading actually strengthened. We have the unanimous support of the boggy creek Anning team. We have the support of the neighborhood association. There was some confusion and I know you heard -- I know you heard some communications flying back and forth about well, we want this on the cnd we want this on the co and we want to put the F.A.R. And the conditional overlay. The blackland neighborhood association revoted on Tuesday night, this is what we want. They voted 23-7 that this is what they wanted. It was a very strong vote and it was to affirm what you did on first reading, no additions, no subtractions, that's what they were asking for. And they let that be known and there's a letter to that effect, I believe, on your desk or in your backup. So not a great deal has changed. I'm going to be brief. I'm not going to use my full time in minutes because I think we are all pretty familiar with this case, but I would be happy to take any questions. And if not, we have the developer here with us this evening and he would be here to speak to you as well. Thank you for your service, council members. I very much appreciate it.

>> Mayor Adler: Does the developer want to use part of the five minutes that are remaining or call up differently or should I go with the people that have signed up?

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>> Yes, he would.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Why don't you come on down. You have about one minute.

-- A minute 20.

>> I'm the owner of 2107 Alamo. I grew up in Houston, went to UT foreground grad and grad school and worked in the public sector. I studied urban policy and housing. I'm very interested in pursuing affordable housing and other social housing solutions in Austin. A little over a year ago a case was heard before you on a property that I owned at the corner of Springdale and Gonzalez. It was similar to Alamo, it was an sf 3 corner lot near a transportation corridor. We worked with the neighborhood to get their support for a change in zoning for increase in bedroom and two four bedroom affordable uni. The project passed at planning commission and city council. The project in front of you today is very similar. It's an sf 3 corner lot next to a basketball court, a community center, community garden. And while the property isn't blackland, it is very close to Manor road, 100 yards away we engaged with the neighborhood as well from the beginning 18 months ago. Back in July the

[indiscernible] Voted 18-14 in favor of this project and two nights ago voted 23-7, almost 80% in favor of this project. Our plan has been consistent the entire time. We had to change zoning to mf 4 in order to build one affordable and four market rate units. So that's kind of where we are. I didn't -- we've gone through a lot obviously over the last 18 months and then realized that building affordable housing would be this hard.

[Buzzer sounds] But I'm hopeful that I can get in front of you again for some other projects. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. All right. Is Jada Garrison here? You have to be donated from two people. Is Michael Garrison here? Okay. And is Tracy Wedee here? You will have seven minutes.

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And then when you're done speaking, is Katherine Tucek here?

>> Yes, I am.

>> Mayor Adler: You will be up next. Is Daniel here? And what about Barbara McArthur? Okay. So you will have seven minutes also this other podium. Go ahead.

>> Mr. Mayor, would be possible to have them go first as president of the blackland neighborhood association?

>> Mayor Adler: That would be fine.

>> Thank you.

>> Thank you, good evening. My name is Katherine Tucek and I am the resident of the blackland neighborhood association for 2019. You have two letters before you from BNA and they request two very different things about conditional overlays. So I would like to explain that. Last year the then president of the BNA, assigned me as liaison to council member Ora Houston's office for all city matters. 2107 Alamo came before BNA and was approved and the neighborhood agreed to explore cos. Then the executive committee began to work with her office on these cos. As a protection from the neighborhood and then handed that off to a land use committee that I agreed to chair for this project only. As a result my intent was to protect the neighborhood, their interest no matter who has the project with it

remains with Mr. Mehra or whether that changes. But particularly to protect them and not to stop the development. And I want to be very clear about that. My intent was never to stop the development. Three additional cos were added and in October the body agreed to include these recommendations in a letter to the city without a vote. And Ms. Daily signed the letter to the city council regarding these. This letter was then resent this year to councilmember Harper-Madison. Then this year on March 12th at our meeting, Bob Carver said that without having voted we could not have asked for the other two cos. So I suggested that we have a special meeting to vote on all the cos.

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I'd called it with the required 15 days' notice, which is a written notice. And the next day the notices were hand delivered to everyone in the neighborhood so we could meet the deadline. At the special meeting 14 neighbors were there, including also Greg Coleman was there. And we discussed and voted to include all the cos that you see in the first letter. Mr. Coleman believed that his client would only be supposed -- he would only be imposed to the building number and impervious cover numbers. But last Saturday Mr. Mehra sent me a larger drawing of the of the larger site itself and they met the 55% requested impervious cover that we asked for in the code and the building coverage was barely one percent above, which was also a C that we had requested. And it looked like we might have reached some sort of agreement between the applicant and the applicant. And so we were ready to actually discuss this in the meeting that we have in April, which is a regular meeting. So the update had already been sent out, the neighbors were notified they knew we were going to talk about this. So we met this Tuesday and the surprising thing was that there were triple the number of people that the usually are. The majority of them voted, actually came and voted against the minutes of the essential called meeting. That was an attempt essentially to invalidate what the neighborhood had done. And in terms of invalidating that, it was no -- I would say that because of that then the neighbors were not aware that there was going to be this resistance just to meeting minutes. Will motion in the second letter was called into question also and that's what you also received. So the second letter that was called into question was immediately called into question before the vote because we did not advertise to the neighbors that in any way might look at overturning any of the cos. That was not on the notice that we actually sent out to them. And the second half of that particular motion reads, we do support additions or subtractions to or from the code provisions on the first reading and that motion did pass 23-7.

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But in particular no one knew that what was happening since no one was notified, that it would walk back the protections that had already been voted on by the neighborhood with no written notice to the neighbors being given to them. However, with specific notice to the neighborhood, our bylaws say that we must tell them five days in advance. Since we did not tell them that all I can say is the vote would not be valid. We did not notify them that we were voting on this. I continued with the agenda, which was the 2107 update, because not only were Mr. Mehra, but his social were present, so he could hear the new information. As

soon as we started that there was a very vocal opposition to even discussing the opposition that they brought before you, not only discussing it, but looking at it. And any of the blackland development affordable housing neighbors opposed it at that point. They said they wanted to go home and that we were going to -- they were going to go too long with usual Tim which is about two hours. Mr. Carver made a negotiation to adjourn saying we need to get these people home, they have families. So despite the important business that the neighborhood still had to deal with, which was 2107's update, so we could discuss this, an executive vacancy that we were going to vote on and also introducing the new bylaws that we will be voting on next month, they voted to adjourn so they could go home. The other members of the board that were sent were actually stopped from conducting the rest of our notified business because of the adjournment. This voting bloc not only refused to act or consider, but also shut down the ability of a quorum to go ahead and to do our business that we needed to that night. And we perhaps were minutes away from being able to hope from actually working out something with Mr. Mehra since they had already changed and come down to a lot of the conditions that we had requested. So no motion was ever put forward to invalidate the special called meeting so that is the reason I have to say that the first letter that we sent requesting those conditions is still a valid request by the blackland neighborhood association.

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And I request and -- and I really request this and I can't tell you how much unfortunately I request -- @this, but I request that this be a second reading to give us an attempt to work this out on a third reading. If we had met that night a Mr. Mehra said there was no way for this to happen, I would not be asking for that because I don't believe that would be an ethical thing for me to do as the blackland neighborhood association president. Around on a personal note, you know what -- maybe you don't recall, but I am opposed to the project but in my office as blackland neighborhood association, I am supposed to be protecting the neighborhood from whoever owns that land, from whatever they determine to do it so it fits in terms of ability. It also fits in with the rest of the neighborhood and that's why I have to oppose the vote that went through. And I thank you for your time and I would actually be glad to answer any questions about that if you have any.

>> Harper-Madison: You made multiple references to two letters, but we only have one.

>> I received a note that it was received by everyone.

>> Harper-Madison: Do you have two letters.

>> Kitchen: I have it written in here. I got an email.

>> Harper-Madison: I have a letter dated April 10th and that's the only one I have.

>> So that was just a few days ago. So the previous one is one that was sent to your office some time back, that -- it should be in the backup packet asking for the additional conditions. The one that you're speaking of is the one that I was asked to write. That was actually the motion that I have to send that letter by noon on Wednesday. So I made sure to do that.

>> Alter: It is September 4th, 2018?

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>> I apologize for my voice. The pollens are gettie.

>> Alter: I have one from Lottie Dai

>> There was a second one that was sent after the meeting on the 27th of March. My guess is it was 27 March or 28 March.

>> Thank you for finding it. I apologize I didn't pull that up. It was one of the things on my computer.

>> Mayor Adler: Anyer questions before we G the next speaker? Councilmember kitchen?

>> [Inaudible].

>> I have the ability to send it immediately to an email if that's what needs to be done again. Excuse me.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember kitchen, did you want to speak?

>> Kitchen: Yeah, staff -- did you locate the letter?

>> We have multiple letters from blackland. Are you looking for the March 2015th one?

>> Kitchen: We don't have that one, we were wanting to get a copy of it.

>> It's in the backup on page- it doesn't have a page number. I can HD it out if you would like.

>> Kitchen: Do you want him to do that, have it handed out?

>> At the lastesting it was handed to you on yellow sheet so that may be one of the reasons that it didn't get placed in there.

>> Kitchen: That would be great if y'all have it. Sohe question -- the question I had was just I just want to clarify. So if I uerstand the letter we have in front of us mentions two cos limiting the height to 30 feet and limiting the number of units to five.

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>> And that is dated --

>> Kitchen: That's April 10th. But if I'm hearing you right there were some othos that are the ones or other parts of the agreement that ar the ones that were in -- that there was some disagreement about and those are the ones that you would like some more time to work on?

>> Those were actually voted on at a regular meeting of the -- a special called meeting of the association. That -- the point is that we do have to give notice to our members if what we're going to do is overturn a decision that they've already made.

>> Kitchen: So those original ones are the ones that -- that were overturned. You feel like it wasn't appropriate notice, and you feel like if you had more of those kinds of things could be worked out. And I think there's stuff like prohibiting street use and some other things like that.

>> Yes.

>> Kitchen: Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Yes, councilmember Alter. >> Alter: Can you just clarify -- I found the letter in my packet here. Of the eight things that you -- the nine requested in part of the conditional overlay, of those, just list now have this in front of me, of those, which of those did you accomplish already and what's before us?

>> Well, there are two that you will have already in the reading, which was the 30-foot height and then the five units. In the restriction that I know you were not a party to there was a side wall articulation and that continued to be within that packet. Then we also liked at a building area of .4 and they've come in at .41.1. We asked for impervious cover of it 5 and they've come in below that at I believe .44. I'd have taken that up. Then we -- in addition that we also requested that they use some sort of -- particularly in our neighborhood at this location when it rains the water runs so across the street at the basketball court they had put up a wall to stop all of the sludge that gets over there.

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So we had to do some alternative drainage for that. We asked for no short-term rentals because we -- if this is going to be neighbors we want it to be neighbors, not just people using it as rentals. Then we added to that -- there was one other one added at the very end of the evening was about the parking and the parking was they didn't want them to park in the setback.

>> Alter: So of those then you have not accomplished the placement of the first three.

>> The first three.

>> Alter: And the parking?

>> We were told that Mr. Problem that it wouldn't be a problem for short-term rentals and it would be a different kind of way to manage the water here and that his client is as well. Whether they actually agreed to them I don't know. He'd us at the meeting he didn't think would be a problem, but they have not as of yet said yes, this is what we will go with.

>> Alter: So the first three and the parking. All right, thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Unclear kitchen.

>> Kitchen: One last question. The dumpster issue, was that one that --

>> That was one. We asked for it to be south on the alley rather than in the front on east 22nd street, which would be next to the neighbors. And they also -- and the newest -- which I believe they have -- I hope they've included with the packet. They did a new sketch they did put it on the south on the alley. It an illustration as to what will happen, but it's hopefully good faith.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Ready for T next speaker? Thank you. Come on down. You have seven minutes as well. Mr. Mayor, I hadn't realize that you were both a developer and someone who signed up, so if you want more time I'll give it to you, must the one minute that was left in Mr. Coleman's. T

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>> Thank you. I am Jayda garrison, a 15 year resident of the blackland neighborhood and I'm the current chair of the blackland neighborhood association land use committee. This case has been incredibly difficult for many of U in blackland for the rift thats exposed in our neighborhood and T the extent that it has been diffic for you to consider and decide, I'm sorry for that as well. Many of us -- the neighbors and I have a valid petition that we respectfully request abstain from thealin votes on these cases. It isn't easy or pleasant to on the other side of Bo mccarveer, but our reasonsrfo opposing this are sincere and they also consider not only our immediate personal concerns, but also bigger picture questions. First, staff has opposed this rezoning because the mf 4 is spot zoning that far exceeds the zoning that is around the lot and therefore does not function as a transition between our thunderstorms and the higher zoning -- homes and higher zoning. Secondly council has just begun on how much missing middle citywide and so far has focused on centers and corridors and one lot behind them, the 2107 Alamo lot falls beyond that limit from manor road. And rezoning will send a signal about how the interior, what is left of blaland, should be rezoned when the city adopts a new land development code. We are flanked by activity corridor and going more than one lot in sets up rezoning for all the one off zoning case should preempt the broader discussion about context and equity. This rezoning, a spot zoning at that, says something about blackland that has not yet been decided about all neighborhoods similarly situated 24 activity centers and between activity corridors and transit networks. The blackland neighborhood association voted unanimously to pursue condionait overlay to ensure that this project would be delivered as proposed.

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Initially we identified a maximum height of 30 feet and a unit cap of five dwellings as important terms. However, as we gained a better understanding of all that mf 4 would allow, particularly the 60% building coverage, 70% impervious cover, especially in light of the heavy clay soils that exist in our area, and the .75 F.A.R., we ad termsdeo ensure that this project WOU better fit into its context and Mo closely emulate the R 3 and R 4 Hou sle Zones of codenext. E request that you limit building coverage of 40% and impervious cover to 55% even though codenext limited all house scale Zones to 45%. We ask that

you please fix the minimum setback from single-family numbers of 19 feet as code requires to limit parking spaces to the north and south end of the site. So prohibit short-term rental use to ensure that these are homes and not hotel rooms. And limit dumpsters towards the alley and as far as possible from other homes. Kathie just explained to you what happened at the Tuesday meeting. I am disappointed that we did not have opportunity to share with our neighbors how these protections would also benefit their single-family residents some day when similar and even bigger projects are proposed next to them. We had new information to present and we were prevented from doing that. We have a developer and the applicant. But there were too many questions and the meeting was adjourned before new information could be presented. Setting this precedent for missing middle zoning entitlements for projects that offer only 20% of units at affordable levels also undercuts the effectiveness of new density bonus programs like affordability unlocked, which I meant to give CDCs at Bland a competitive edge. If we raise the value of Y BP zoning to mf 4 it just makes it more expensive for CDCs and the city to successfully compete with the for-profit world for available land.

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Why would we do that or one redundant, one unit that has already displaced two families, one of whom had been there for at least a decade, longer than a decade. Actually, they were there before we moved into the neighborhood. And this will also bring about the displacement of two more families. The developer has never given a firm pricing for the units, stating that he is aiming for somewhere between \$300,000 and \$400,000 each. He has also stated that the units will be 1250 square feet. However, mf 4 entitlements would allow him to create units that are 1571 square feet maximum if they were all equal size. That would put their price at just over \$500,000. So it's no wonder that investment group that sold Mr. Mehra this property purchased a small home across the street to LLC about the property a 1580 square foot property for \$1.5 million. \$1.5 million for 1580 square feet. Thank you for considering our perspective. We recognize that council may ultimately conclude that more missing middle is appropriate in neighborhoods like ours all over the subsidy, with you we ask you to please insist in your vote today that the decision is made within the land development code process, not a one-off spot zoning that has raised so many concerns in Bland. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Yes, council member Alter?

>> Alter: I don't know if you can answer this, but I was just looking through at the impervious cover numbers and it seems like something might be reversed. So you asked for impervious cover of .55.

>> Corrects. And they currently have .44 under what they have currently zoning, but then with the new zoning how much would they be allowed?

>> I'm sorry, I can't --

>> Alter: May I will need to ask staff later. I'm not sure that that one was rdves I had walked away from the prior person.

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I'll ask staff when we're done. Thank you. That's fine. You wouldn't need to know all the technical things. I'll ask staff.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Moving on. Mr. Sltmo did you want more time? No. Is Dennis Austin -- Austin nnis here? Lottery daily is on deck.

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>> Thank you, coun members, for giving us an opportunity to speak with you. I'm ausn Dennis and I live a couple of houses down from 2107 Alamo. As you know, discussion about this project has been going on between the developer and the neighborhood for well over a year. Throughout that entire time the developer has been collaborative active in working with the neighborhood, having representatives present to answer questions, altering the design multiple times and even agreeing to some reonable restrictions in the form of a covenant and can cos. All of that led to the neighborhood voting in sept of last year to support the project. Since that vote the developer has remained in close contact with the neighborhood to continue to address questions and be available. However, since that vot there has been a small minority of neighbors that have sougho interrupt the project despite despite it having the support of a majority of the neighborhood. This has taken the form of other cos, petitions and even other methods to design to overturn the intent and will of the neighborhood in that original vot at week's neighborhood association meeting the same smallinority of neighbors sought to further write up conditions and requests with the goal of subverting the project and the will of the majority ofthe neighbors. In light of that I moved that the neighborhood reaffi its original decision to support the project by sending a letter verbatim to council, which I'll read now.

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We the bckland neighborhood association voted at our regular meeting on Tuesday, athil to confirm our original statement from September. We supporthe zoning change at 2107 Alamo from sf 3 to mf 4-co as proposed by the applt and recommended by the planning commission with the two oil conditions for the co. Limiting the light to 30 feet and limiting the number of units to five. This is exactly what council approved on first reading in March and that is exactly what we as a neighborhood support now. We do not support additions or subtractions to O from the co provisions that were approved on first reading. My motion passed overwhelmingly with a 23-7 vote. Reaffirming the neighborhood support. So it's with that that I would ask that the council as it did on first reading continue to support the will of the many over the objections of the privilegedfew. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Lottie daily here? Come on down. Bo Mccarver is on deck. Either one.

>> Good evening, mayor. All of the councilmembers and so forth. I think all of you know me. I work with blackland for a number of years. I've worked with blackland through all of this. Therd seemed to be a lot

of Johnnie come later that want to change everything that we the community has wanted. We voted for this project. We still want this project. It was affirmed Tuesday night we want this project. There's a few privileged persons that think they can come into our neighborhood, a neighborhood which we love and change our neighborhood to suit them. We do not want that. We want the project. We voted for the project.

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We worked on the project for 16 months. This is not a project that we just started working on six weeks or six months ago. We have worked on this project for a long time. There were many changes. And a lot of the persons that are opposing the project did not work on the project. I don't know how they could oppose something that they know nothing about. I mean, I have been at many meetings and stayed there many hours working on this particular project. So I know we, the neighborhood, the blackland community, neighborhood, is in favor of this project. I'm here tonight to ask you to vote for the neighborhood and the community is wanting. And it's very simple. It's four units with one affordable unit. We want a code that's going -- it would change the zoning from SF 3 to an MF 4-code. We also want -- well, there are just two conditions, that it be 30 feet high and five units. This is what we asked for. I don't know what the other persons are wanting. We have tried to work with them, but we can't find out. I'm asking you so that, you know, we can move on with our community business because we all love Blackland so we can move on. Please vote for this project. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Mr. McCarver. Kevin Quist. You will speak last.

After M McCarver.>> >> Mayor Adler: And councilmembers, I'm Bo Rverca I chair the Blackland community development corporation and I'm proud to do that.

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Bought a house on Manor Road with the help of an older sister in 1978 and we wanted to live there because it was a diverse community. I had two daughters and I wanted them to grow up around a lot of wonderful and diverse people. And that's great surrogate surrogate grandmothers and granddads. Unfortunately 10 years after they were there the university of Texas bulldozed 50 of our houses and wiped out almost all the rental housing and all the families in the area so I ended up with two kids in the neighborhood, my own. Meanwhile we started the non-profit and in a period of time we have evolved and we have 48 units now on the west side of Blackland from Chicon on. We now have 65 kids in our non-profit housing. I'm really happy to have them. It's really wonderful to go out and see the hopscotch tracks on the sidewalks. It makes a community. You can't have a community without that. And while we have all that wonderful batch of kids on the west side. On the east side there may be 15. And that is the area that has gentrified very naturally from market forces. And the one P in front of you would bring one affordable unit into an area that has pretty much gone childless. There are very few kids in there. Austin has a child on that lot. We would hope that the neighbors in that area would appreciate and welcome the

sorts of families. I have good news for them. These kinds of families bring a lot to them. It's not as though they're in want or need have to always be given something. They're smart kids. We haven't produce the any pulitzer prize winners yet, but we may. We're proud of our kids and we hope they go a long way and we're proud of their parents. We support them. Tonight I have 123 folks under our roofs.

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They're safe. It's one of the safest neighborhoods in here because we know each other and it's a community. We'd we'd like to add another unit over there for the diversity of the east side where the university of blackland at Austin, we need more enrollment. With this project at 2107 we'll get another couple of kids maybe. And it's a 99 year project. Our average family stays about 10 years. 'Ll have after 99 years, at least 10 families will circulate through and we'll have 24 kids. In our university of blackland at Austin. We appreciate your support to let us expand our enrollment. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Kevin Quist. And then the applicant will have three minutes to close.

>> Hello. I'm not that involved in this project but I've walked past and I've seen the streets. That said I still want this zoning to be approved for a few reasons. One, it's a great example of missing middle affordable housing in a highly walkable area. Two, those rural in the reason corridors look gorgeous and three, I don't think the neighborhood will be drastically changed. So although some audience members may have some concerns, I believe that the vast majority of Austinites want to see their city grow in the way that this rezoning would allow. It's time to act. K Yan.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Does the applicant want to close? Lemaco

>> [Inaudible].

>> Mayor Adler: Clerk, do you have this name? Take your time.

>> Good evening, mayor and council. My name is Marva Overton and I live in the blackland neighborhood very close to the property that's being considered and was a little late getting here so I didn't sign up, but I had to come up here after some of the things that I heard to push back on and to say that I am very upset that some of my neighbors would get up here and characterize people in certain ways about this case of the few privileged.

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So I personally am against the -- not the idea of having affordable housing, which I think unfortunately this case has been pitted and our neighborhood I either being for or against affordable housing, which is not the case. We're a small neighborhood. We have 68 units going up on Manor Road on the Manor Corridor. This is very close to that. Five units in that particular space in my opinion is a lot. Having MF-4 zoning again we are just trying to protect the neighborhood should the property not get developed the way we think it should be developed. What we were trying to do with the conditional overlays is T

ensure that the project gets built to the specifications that have been identified. But I take offense at neighbors -- I'm going to tell you something, and I hate to have to get up here and say this, but you talk about the neighborhood being in support of it. You have a small contingent of neighbors who show up month after month after neighborhood meetings discussing every issue that comes up before our neighborhood. We get to votes like this and Mr. Bo McCarver. I've lived in the neighborhood since '94 and my grandmother had been there since 1951. I've been in the neighborhood longer than Ms. Daily and some of the other persons who got up here and spoke, okay? And they're going to -- they're going to say that the neighborhood is supporting. You have a small contingent of people showing up week after week. And then on these votes like this he goes and -- Mr. McCarver goes and recruits many people who live in the bcd properties to come and cast a vote. Okay? So how fair is that? So I just want to say that I just had to come up here because I felt like misstatements were being made about neighbors and about the neighborhood and I'll leave it at that. The case, no one is against affordable housing. We just want to see this done right. If it's going to be done, that it be done right.

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We don't want to set a precedent for MF 4 throughout the neighborhood. You all have to make the decision, but I want you to make it on good facts, not innuendos. Thank you.

[Applause].

>> Mayor Adithan: You. Mr. Coleman, do you want to come up and close? You have three minutes.

>> I won't need three minutes. Council, thank you for your time. I don't envy you having to parse through this. I'm sorry that there's been -- what I have observed as an outsider, someone from outside of the neighborhood, is that we worked a long time with interested parties to get to yes, and there was a vote taken in September. And some people won that vote and some people lost it. And what I have seen that time it a few people who have stayed with us through every single meeting, calling special meetings, not writing the letters that they were asked to write and where a just not going to take -- get to yes on this. What I saw as week was the common saying that's enough. Weoted, we are protecting our neighborhood, we put a height limit on it. We put a unit limit on it. We feel like those protections are in place. I feel very vulnerable when I have to start negotiating where the parking is going to go and what the F.A.R. is going to be and what the building average coverage is going to be. And I know that enough of those items get piled on top of each other I won't have a project when I get to site plan. And that's been a little tactic that I think some people are using very deliberately, they know what they're doing, keep piling on and one more straw and one more straw. And I'm not sure the neighbors know that, but I was convinced, pretty convinced Tuesday night that neighbors exactly what was going. They showed up, they shut it down. They said we've got the protections in place we need. We're done. Quite piling stuff on. Those are the two conditional overlays. I'm sorry that -- I know that several of you have asked me to make it clear with the neighbors. It was loud and clear Tuesday night. It wasn't pretty, but it was definitely a strong showing and I feel like if that was your valid concern with a valid petition, that you can show that the values of inclusivity expressed by this neighborhood have been consistent for almost 18 months now, and they've been with us.

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And I've come to admire them very much and I feel like this is a group of people that are joining anything developer to really push back on an economic trend that is the true villain in this story. And I feel like if we continue to work together maybe we can reverse this trend. I'm hoping that its zoning case before you, small as it is, will be a trend that we can truly take and move forward with as we try and protect some of these more vulnerable communities. I ask for your support on behalf of Mr. Mehra and welcome him to Austin, his second project, and hope we can have your support on this.

Thank you very much >> Mayor Adler: >> Mayor Adler: Questions? Councilmember harper-madison.

>> Harper-madison: Councilmember kitchen W first.

>> Harper-madison: For those of you who have been here all day long first of all, thank you for sticking in there, but as you saw, our council unanimously approved the asmp, a document that sets an ambitious goal to have a 50/50 mode split. We're all supportive, very supportive, of missing middle housing along transit corridors. This rezoning request checks every box, families would get to live close to so many amenities -- well, first of all, I'd like to say that I don't think we're setting a bad precedent. I think this is a perfect example of a gentle increase in density that allows for a few more families to live in this particular neighborhood and live close to high frequency transit. Also, live close to Houston-Tillotson University, the University of Texas at David's hospital, jobs, parks, schools, cafes, and so much more. For those of you who have children at L. L. Campbell, my children will be attending L. L.

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Campbell so they'll be classmates. Just this week, the black hand community, the neighborhood association voted 3 to 7, nearly three times the votes that is fair, in my opinion, nearly three times the votes said that this project is one that the neighborhood wants. If we grant this request, we inch closer and closer to our goals to set forth the strategic housing blueprint adding not only our market rate stock -- to rather, our market rate stock, but also to our comfortable housing stock. Ultimately, this proposal, in my opinion, fits hand in glove with our goals of build compact, connected, complete communities, and I believe that wholeheartedly. And I will be enthusiastically voting for this zoning change.

>> Mayor: Councilmember kitchen?

>> Kitchen: I just have a question for Mr. Coleman. I'm not -- I'm just trying to sort through the -- trying to understand the -- some of the conditions and whether there's actually agreement with them or not because some of them sound like they're just ways to avoid problems in the future, like the trash receptacles, you know, the mpstdu issue, was that something that you were concerned about, or -- seems like that would be easy to agree with. Right?

>> Seems like it would.

>> Kitchen: Yeah. So that one, the no str, did you have concerns about them?

>> No.

>> Kitchen: Okay. And then the on-site drainage detention? Now, I understand that may get into more what you can build, but is that an issue?

>> My concern, my response, councilmember, younow, this oject has to go through site plan and has to meet all your laws and ordinances.

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>> Kitchen: Right.

>> What I've observed in this case, and I believe in others, is, if I start answering these questions now and making promises, I see N reasons why we can't put the dumpsters down on the southside by the all, that makes sense to me, but what if we can't the parking on nd street?

>> Kitchen: I'm not asking about all of them. I certainly get it and I understand that it's possible to load properties up with too much.

>> Yeah.

>> Kitchen: I'm just Askin one that appear to me -- you know, I've certainly had plenty of folks in neighborhoods that it becomes a problem later with where the dumpsters are.

>> We'remenable to those three things. From the dumpster standpoint, those are not problematic to us.

>> Kitchen: Okay. That's what I was asking. I don't see a problem wit those kinds of conditions and I also ese them as something that just avoids problems in the future, so

- okay.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Aer: Dlrther conversation on the dais? Councilmember harper-madison, do you want to make a motion?

>> Harper-madison: First, just a little commentary,nd his is really important me as we have conversations about zoning changes. Doing nothing offers us the opportunity for this plot to turn in another million-dollar single-family home. So if we're talking about neighborhoodor character, something we absolutely have to address is do we need another multi-million-dollar mcmansion on Thi lot. I would like to make a motion. I'd like to make a motion to pass this.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember harper-madison makes the motion to pass the staff recommendation, is this on second and third reading? Trying to get the motion.

>> Councilmembers, that would not be the staff recommendation.

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What you could do --

>> You're asking planning commission recommendation, not staff.

>> Or you could move to pass it same as first reading.

>> Mayor Adler: Pass it same as first reading on second and third reading? And close the public reading.

>> You can do that as long as it

got nine votes.>> M or Adler: Okay. That's the motion. So we can see, is there a second to that motion?

>> I'll second it.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Renteria seconds that. Discussion on the dais in councilmember pool.

>> Pool: I see that councilmember kitchen has -- maybe a question so I'll defer to her.

>> Kitchen: What I'd like to suggest -- and I agree with what councilmember harper-madison is saying. And I'm prepared to move forward with this. I wanted to suggest, though that we go ahead and include those three items that Mr. Coleman said would work for them, just because just in the experience that I've had with this kind of development in a neighborhood, I think it just forestalls potential for problems in the future had so if it's acceptable --

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember kitchen moves to amend.

>> Kitchen: Yes, sorry.

>> Mayor Adler: Th okay. For those first three.

>> Kitchen: Right.

>> Mayor Adler: Placement of the trash receptacles, no short-term rentals and on-site drainage detention. Is there a second to the amendment to the amendment? Okay. Now, councilmember kitchen, do you want to second that?

>> Kitchen: I think I already said it.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Kitchen: And it sounds like it might be amenable to -- yeah. Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: Is there discussion on the dais? Mr. Coleman, are you okay with these? Yes. Councilmember pool?

>> Pool: Thanks. I had talked a bit about my position. I just wanted -- I think we're going to base on taking a vote, that's right?

>> Mayor Adler: Let's take a vote on the amendments to the amendment first. Then we'll come back. Any discussion on those? Any objection to the amendments to the amendments being added? Hearing none -- Mr. Flannigan?

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>> Flannigan: [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Those in favor of T amendment to the amendment, please raise your hand. Those opposed? All in favor, Mr. Flannigan Vong no, it gets added. Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: THAs. I talked a bit about my position on this project on first reading and why I supported it, and I still support this project, and I will vote in favor of it. I realize there's a valid petition on this property, and so I wanted to speak to that. I respect the neighbor's opposition to this rezoning. My barometer on these types of projects is determined by looking at the specifics of the project and by reviewing the input from the neighborhood association and the neighborhood plan contact team. Both of those groups support this project. And we've heard that here today, and we heard it on first reading. I'm also very supportive of the project for the ieom restricted unit. That will be provided. I've known Mr. McCarver for quite a long time. We were colleagues at one point at txdot, and I trust that his stewardship of that unit will -- will be successful. So this is the kind of community benefit that I'm looking for in these cases. So I wanted to just get some comments into the record and speak to the valid petition piece, and note that, while I appreciate the valid petition, the folks who brought it here not from the neighborhood association or the contact team, which is kind of WRE I'm looking for that opposition. Thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's go ahead and take a vote. Those in favor of this item, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Councilmember tovo voting no, the others voting aye. This passes on final reading. Thank you. Council, colleagues, that gets us to the last item on our agenda, which is the discussion, the public testimony on the land development code.

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We have a little over 50 people that are signed up to speak on this. Our rules have us where the first 20 people speak for three minutes and people after that speak for a minute. I want to call the people in the ordinary that they signed up. Councilmember pool?

>> Pool: Just a quick question. Did we take up 46 and 47, or were they postponed?

>> Mayor Adler: They were passed on consent.

>> Pool: They were passed on consent? 46 and -- oh, on housing consent.

>> Mayor Adler: No, no, they were -- one zoning.

>> Pool: I'm sorry, zoning consent.

>> Mayor Adler: Correct. Poo>> Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: All right. Susan Moffett, why don't you come on up. Gus Peña, is he here? Is Michelle van Heiff here? Why don't you come on down. Three minutes.

>> Thank you. I'm Susan Hoffett speaking about the potential impacts to affordable housing and the memo options. Texas has very few tools to create or maintain affordable housing. Other than financial subsidies, we must rely on zoning entitlements for affordable units. This is the basis of our current density bonus programs and the new affordability unlocked initiative. All these programs leverage affordable housing by increasing entitlements, waiving parking requirements or compatibility, allowing greater heights or density, reducing setbacks, et cetera. Unfortunately these are the same increased entitlements that options B or C would give away for free citywide. We can will ever meet and exceed, actually, our numeric housing goals under housing code, the challenge is to get the 60,000 affordable units we need. So if you're voting for B or C, please give clear direction that any substantial increases in entitlements be firmly tied to our affordability goals.

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Otherwise, you're removing the incentive to use affordability unlocked for the other density bonus programs and potentially throwing a tanker full of gas on the demolition and displacement fire. I know you've heard the con 101 argument about supply and demand, but housing is actually more complicated. Under com 101, any units adding to the housing supply should lower demands in cost so the more units the better. But, in fact, housing markets are actually segmented into discrete submarkets, and the supply ratio in each submarket is largely independent. Unfortunately, high end units are pretty much all that's being built in Austin today because land and construction prices are so high and because we have a huge influx of newcomers who can afford these prices. I sent you a link with details, but basically if you increase the supply in the high end submarket, you may eventually see prices drop in that submarket, and you might even see a slight decrease in the subgroup down. But the effect of added supply diminishes as you go down the submarkets to the point where the difference --'M S ury -- the point where the addition of new high end units makes virtually no difference to the rents or purchase price for lower cost housing. The market has and always will take care of people and money. But if you give away all these entitlements up front, for hundreds of thousands of new market rate units, you'll lose the leverage we have to incentivize affordable units and you increase the pressure to tear down existing market affordable housing, and I really don't want that's what any of you want to do. So please give clear direction when you vote that any substantial increases in entitlements, including significant parking reductions, be targeted to affordable housing, ideally at 60% mfi or below, but in any case, no greater than 80% mfi. And thank you all for your service and your attention to this.

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>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Michelle, and then is Julie Fitch here? What about Scott Turner? Why don't you come on down. You'll be next. Three minutes.

>> M, Mayor pro tem, and councilmembers, I'm Michelle Hifty, vice president of urban design for the downtown Austin alliance. I'm speaking on behalf of the downtown Austin alliance. For question 1, we support option A. For questions 2, 3, 4, and 5, we support option C. I want to spend most of my time talking about a deeper level of policy direction that is needed for downtown. As you know, downtown is the economic engine of our region. We have to get the code right for downtown or we risk losing out on tax base that supports critical community needs like public safety, parks and libraries throughout the city. We recognize how important it is to achieve the Austin goals for mobility corridors and activity centers. Where we zone for housing capacity matters. Downtown is the regional activity center that should accommodate and absorb the most density jobs and housing units. We also recognize that downtown requires additional finer-grained policies that will determine its ability to help achieve the goals of the downtown Austin plan. Downtown is the single best example of where context-sensitive rules should apply. It should have regulations appropriate for urban sites, not suburban sites. They should not restrict density or lessen entitlements but should, instead, enable a healthy, vibrant, complete neighborhood. But draft 3 of the code took us backward. It permitted less development by right, less by mapping, and less via density bonus program. The new code should let downtown be downtown and do its part in creating a compact and connected city. The new code should prioritize competing non-zoning regulations and achieve housing yield.

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The critical policies and the technical criteria manuals should be evaluated at the same time as the code to fully understand their impact upon development potential. Finally, it is very important to align all of our land use and transportation policies to ensure they achieve the best outcomes, facilitate smooth processes, and ensure no conflicts. We will follow up with each of you regarding more specific recommendations, but we really want to emphasize that downtown is different from any other neighborhood and from any other emerging or established regional activity center. It has to be given special consideration up front and should not be an afterthought. We look forward to working with you and the staff leadership team to create the best code for downtown and the entire city, and we appreciate your time today.

Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is -- is Timothy Bray here? Why don't you come on down. Mr. Turner.

>> Good evening, Mayor and Council. I'm Scott Turner. I'm a home builder. The city has been waiting seven years and counting now for land use reform. The ten-year strategic housing blueprint was approved almost exactly two years ago on April 13th, and there has been little or no progress since in making that reality on the ground. But our city's need for housing is urgent and growing. We need it in every neighborhood, and we need it today, not in another five or seven years. If it takes five more years to realize our land use reform, the strategic housing blueprint would be seven years old and outdated. Our median home price would increase by \$100,000 at the 25-year average appreciation rate. I'm concerned

that historically, planning as a city isn't our strong suit. It moves at a snail's pace. Five year plans take ten years, ten-year plans take 20 years. The flume, the future land use P, has been the present land use map for at T aasecade now.

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Jeff Thompson recently pointed out the rate we're going on our neighborhood planning process we would not be finished until the year 2097, and THAs only for 27% of the city. So we don't have a track record that is fantastic when it comes to planning these things out. But I believe, as you and many of the folks in this room do, that we can do better, that we can, despite our difficulties, had it the goals in imagine Austin. We can hit the goals of the strategic housing blueprint and we can hit the goals of the asmp that W ye discussing earlier today. But only with a commitment to change the way we have been doing things. We need major changes to the land development code to make it simpler and more predictable. We need major changes to conflicting and outdated critea manuals and we need major changes to planning process tt historically isn't equitable or effective. I belie we're ready for the change. I believe we're ready for more housing. And I believe we're ready for Austin to be compact and connected at last. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

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>> Mayor Adler: Is Eleanor mckiey here? Come on up, you'll be next. Go ahead, Mr. Bray.

>> As is said, you can never reduce a moving train. We're going backwards in affordabilit we just take small steps to move forward, we're not going go forward, we'llle B going backwards as the train. It's not going to just be a ten-year plan, we're talking about 135,000 units but I don't think anyone realistically thinks we're going to rewrite the code in 10 years. 20, 30, 40 years out, the housing is going to last 40 or 50 years. What the city looks like in 50 years is going to depend a lot on what we do now. We talked a lot -- talking a lot about, you know, centraltinus versus the periphery. We should be more ambitious about what we want in Austin. If we had 90% of our growth in the urban core, that would be amazing for our planet, trying to stop gas house emissions. Another point I wanted to talk about, with displacement, people need places to move to.

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We talk about displacemt but most people move in their lives, they got married, divorced, they have kids, they get older, they grow up, so if you want people to -- communities to sustain themselves, they have to be able to keep living there, when their life changes, you need new blood to move in as old blood moves out. Austin's character isn't just single-family housg, ins people who live here, the culture of being welcome and open, a city where people, no matter what type of person you are, you can move here and be aepeted even if you aren't welcome elsewhere, to me that's the core of on you are city.

We're open to new ideas, we keep it weird and always changing so we've got to be open to change. Finally, think you'll be a good city council, but this is really an opportunity to be a great city council. Codenext was a good city council, if that. It was tepid. We need ambition, go for the stars. In 30 years are people going to say y'all did a really good thing, or was it look afraid of your own shadow? So don't be afraid of your own shadow, go for the stars thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. After Eleanor McKinney, the next person will be Jay Crosby. Is Jay here? Austin Tolbert, is he here? Patricia Schaub here? Sounds good. You'll have seven minutes. Ms. McKinney, three minutes.

>> Thank you, Mr. Mayor and mayor pro tem and the councilmembers. My name is Eleanor McKinney. I'm a former advisory group member from district 5, a labor -- landscape architect. I've been living at my property 37 years and have given back to the city not only as a landscape architect on city hall but also as a board member, design commission member and chair of the advisory group, and finally on the code advisory group for a total of over 19 years of service. I'm here today in support of the use of criteria that recognizes unique circumstances in the text and mapping of the land development code rewrite in terms of compatibility.

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I support key portions of former commissioner Trinity White's recommendations regarding Codenext. The need for small area transitions on planning and attendance staff and consultants to establish this in a timely manner, the need for a testing period to see what's working and what's not, and the need for criteria that considers the stickers specifically in regards to orientation of blocks relative to the corridor, does a block run parallel, perpendicular, at an angle? And residential blocks cited by Ms. or Ms. zoned lots? Through nuanced conditions which can be more thoughtfully approached to the district, small area plan level, with councilmembers who understand their district. At the same time, there are similar situations in many districts that might benefit from a greater understanding of the whole. What I have up there on the screen is my residential lot on Kinney Avenue that's in blue. That's been protected by current compatibility standards since 2013. The commercial property is in Orange. As you can see, not only does the commercial back up to my residential lot, but also abuts the side. Any commercial or mixed use development would have greater negative impact on the side than on the rear. On the side, any redevelopment would be looming over my property, as shown in the following slides if you could do the next one, sir. This is actually current zoning, but go to the next one, please. An 85-foot tall building would negatively impact not only the use of my property but property value as well for any potential resale. We need to be mindful of how much height we are giving away as an increase in entitlement for how much affordable housing. I'm all in favor of affordable housing. But, you know, you need to look at its impacts everywhere. There are similar situations on properties where the streets come in at an angle on Burt Road, on Airport Boulevard, and Cesar Chavez.

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So the use is not unique to my property or district. The staff mentioned split zoning of properties at the council work session, where the property is zoned for greater density along the corridor --

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-- And split less dense zone at the back of the property. I think this might be a valid approach to mitigating the impact, and please consider directing staff to develop criteria that considers the circumstances in association with district level planning for mapping and compatibility.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, Mr. Crossley, you have seven minutes. Barbara McCarther here? Come on up, you'll speak at this podium. Mr. Crossley, seven minutes.

>> Hi. I live in d-7 in a traditional 700 square foot duplex with my wife and son S. I'm on the chair of the pedestrian advisory council and it did send you guys a recommendation asking that you ask the city manager to do option 3 on all the things, but the rest of this talking is me and not -- I'm not representing the pedestrian advisory council. I work for -- we have a project on sustainable regional growth for Texas metro regions and we've been focused on Austin the last two years. The key is that it's -- we think the two key things that sustainability for Texas metro regions is the land development code and the regional transportation plan, and I think we have a chance this year to get both of those things right, to literally help save the world. And so I wanted to give you guys some context to think about what we're talking about here, about population growth. You know, this is -- from the state demographer, this is who's coming. You know, I did this during previous rounds, 2018 to 2027. We have a lot of people coming to Austin. A lot of people of different races. We're mostly people of color, who are coming to the region.

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It's a whole lot and we're going to grow by two million people by 2040 or so. You know, there's then sort like could we stop growth? You know, could we just stay how we are? And we actually have numbers on what that would mean. So on the right are the people that would not be allowed to live in Austin in the region if we could somehow stop growth. And there's the story of the Californians, the spam of Californians that are entering our city. Way more people come to Travis county from Harris county than the entire state of California. Our net California, over five years, was 930 people. So this isn't -- it's a false narrative. There are Californians coming around we should welcome them like any humans. But most of our growth is people being born here and people moving from the rest of Texas. And this growth -- we're not special. The Austin region is growing somewhat fast but it's not growing much faster than the world urban population. At the city of Austin recently has been growing slower than the world urban population. And over the last several years, and that's almost meant the city growing slower and more growth out in the sprawl and us. And if you look at affordability, there's a lot of myths about driving till you qualify and the idea that we need to build some transit oriented manor so people -- it's just not true. If you look at housing price, it's still more affordable to live in the city of Austin than manor, and if you couple transportation, housing and transportation together, the affordable options for people in our region are

still in the city of Austin, then we need to provide those affordable options for people here. If you look at the population of people living in poverty, the vast majority of people living in poverty in our region are in the city of Austin and we need to be building housing for them here.

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And the different people of different races have different experiences of housing type and ownership and need to be aware of that and do things like homestead exemptions that preference home ownership. That means we're not preferencing multifamily living and we're not -- and there's different disparate impacts of that. The Austin region, we did a thing to divide it up by urban, suburban, rural, and super urban. This is what I've traveled and this is greenhouse gases from transportation. Basically if you tell me where you live, I can tell you how much all your neighbors drive on average and how much carbon emissions they're creating. And so this is the whole Austin region -- right? -- region divided up that way. Most people want a big house and big yard, even if they have to drive somewhere. Half the people want to walk to stuff, even if it's a smaller unit. Currently people who want to walk to stuff aren't getting what they want, and about 1.5 million people in our region live in suburban or rural car dependent places and .5 million or so kind of live in urban places. This is our official regional plan, the damp one

-- the camp growth forecast. This represents 350 square miles of land converted from rural to suburban, and going to 3 million people living in car-dependent places. This is a nightmare. This is an environmental nightmare, a traffic nightmare, a traffic crash nightmare, a affordability nightmare. This is our official -- this is what the region thinks is going to happen so we should change this. This is the J plan where just every single tract grows at the same percentage as the region. This would be an equitable growth method. It's just everywhere, every neighborhood everything every place there are people, we should put some more people there. And that's what this would look like, it would achieve the goal of half the people

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-- who want walkable neighborhoods should have them. I think this should be the reasonable goal, but what you do here will have a huge impact on this. One key note is that the demographer seems to have gotten something wrong and the urban counties of Texas have all grown faster than demographer thought in 2010 and that this impacts how much money Travis county and city of Austin are getting in terms of TxDOT project, in terms of camp spending. It's too weird but the new draft regional growth forecast presented at the tac at camp in November shows a radical change in our thing about the future, and it's a good change. And instead of adding a whole 'nother million people to sprawl in Williamson county, it's reducing that almost in half and saying we probably will have more people coming to Travis county. This will dramatically impact whether or not you can build the Orange and blue line and get the federal money, it'll dramatically impact the new scenario on the right is it's dramatically better in terms of traffic crashes in terms of the environment and everything. So we're talking about housing units, and it looks

like this is the ACS data on housing units, back in 2009 we went from having more units in the city of Austin than the rest of the region, to less. This is really the question you're deciding, is the future of this. There are some discussions about your goal, the strategic housing thing. The last two years have not been growing too fast --

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-- That's all my time. You need a lot more housing units, impervious surface, code next would be a lot better on impervious surface, it's horrible, please stop. Narrow streets are safer when there are cars parked on it, so please stop the parking requirements.

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Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Would you go ahead and send the councilmembers a copy of your Dec? Thank you. Before Ms. McCarver speaks, is Chip here? Why don't you come on down. All right, Ms. McCarver, you have three minutes.

>> Hi. I just want to thank you for your concern about the difficulties in lower profits the developers and land speculators are making because the intimates of unit units, impervious cover, parking requirements, trees, technical code and compatibility. It's just so difficult that no one is actually developing any property here. What can we do to help them? What is the single policy we can pursue the most aggressively? Can we look at public land with good access to transportation amenities? Can we look at underused commercial property? Can we look at the acres of warehouse office parks near transit land? No. The single most important policy we can pursue is to add a lot of entitlements to land and mixed income neighborhoods that were built with modest housing without deed restrictions and also remove the parking requirements, and make sure the buzz words you use while you do this are affordability, sustainability, and opportunity. But we've done this experiment in Austin. We did it in the Chestnut neighborhood. In ten years the population decreased 66%, the Latino population decreased 33%, the white population increased 442%. So you increased density in Houston, but what cost? The policy choices you are making are about economic development and tax revenue, not affordable housing or stable communities. It stands in the way of any motivation to build affordable housing. Observational, not theoretical studies on the impact of upzoning on affordability have shown that it simply doesn't work. The result of liberalizing zoning is more luxury housing and more profits for landlords and developers.

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Increasing entitlements create increased developer and speculative profit increased demolition, increased displacement, increased property taxes for those who try to remain. Is it good policy to abuse the city, our communities, our environment, to experiment with while at the same time you take away our right to have a say, or to stay?

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Is Jeffrey here? Come down. Mr. Harris, three minutes, you have three minutes.

>> Mayor, councilmembers, my name is Chip Harris. Here's a perspective from the community. We want a process that leads a community conversation around the city manager's questions, and the questions that underlie his questions. We don't want council answers that preempt that conversation. We want to retain the right to provide real independent input into zoning decisions, mapping, that will affect our neighborhoods and our neighbors' ability to stay in their homes. We don't want the city to present us with a completed code and map. We want smart decisions about housing capacity and housing demand based on facts and expert demographic opinions. We don't want to preload decades' worth of entitlements under their presumption that the city cannot accelerate the creation of housing capacity and housing organically with the new code and an improved land development process or that this is the last opportunity to extend entitlements to create capacity. We don't want housing capacity decision making that ignores the risk the development will displace residents, especially low income families. We want smart decisions that calibrate parking, compatibility, and the location of commercial uses in the conditions to the ground, on the ground.

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We want a code that allows for context specific decision making that involves the local community. We want -- we don't want across the board on site parking reductions without a system in place that solves the parking demand rather than merely relocates the parking demand. We want to locate new housing density and housing types using corridor and small area planning processes so that we can tailor the lands and transportation elements to individual corridors and transit nodes and avoid unintended consequences, such as displacement, traffic congestion, and pedestrian safety issues. We don't want off-the-shelf prescriptions that treat all corridors and the areas surrounding them as the same. Please do not treat this process like a job candidate search where only one finalist is presented, effectively removing the public from the process. We're setup with the legislature and with good cause, because they are acting unilaterally but then we copy their style and mode. If we're confident, we're really representing our constituents and not simply taking advantage of our win at the polls, then let us truly honor democratic and engage the community --

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-- In this process. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

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>> Ayor Adler: Just if the record, looks like speaker number 7, Timothy bray, has had a chance to speak. I'll just point that out T the clerk, on theist. L before Mr. [Indiscernible] Talks, is Curtis legislators, here? Come on down. You'll have three minutes.

>> Thank you, mayor, mayor pro members of the council for allowing me this opportunity to testify.

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My name is Jeffrey and I'm here on behalf of the real estate council of Austin. Our membership includes more than 700 einers, attorneys, architects and real estate developers who work mostly in small businesses based here in Austin and serve as experts in the commercial real estate industry. Our members' companies also include thousands of local residents who work every day on some of the issues we're here today to discuss. First we would like applaud city manager Spencer cronk and doing it the right way fore pennies put to paper. Isca willing to collaborate wi the city leaders to get a good solution for the city of Austin. Reca is committed to a are no affordable and dynamic Austin and we view this code reewr as an essential next step to reaching those goals. The new land development code should be clear to everyone, should prepare our city to meet oureeds in the future and take significtan steps to address Austin's high cost of living and our mobility challenges, while acknowledging the fact that we will continue to grow. The new development code should encourage traditional strategically located housing supply across product type and price point as the key to solving our city's ongoing affordability crisis. We'd like to spe briefly on a few policy questions proposed by the city manager. Reca strongly beliefs an entirely new land development code needs to be drafted and it's crucial that the process take place concurrently with the zoning ma unless our policymakers and the communi understand how the code and map work together there can be no comprehensive understanding of the impacts resulting fr a proposed land development code revision. The new land development code should provide greater housing cacity than proposed in the third and final draft. We believe it increased housing diversity types. We need duplexes, electricity metroplexes, and townhomes for working families, recent college graduates, empty nesters, retirees, and me with us accept the traditional single-family home is not for everyone.

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We believe the accessibility standard under the current land development codeatere the most significant barrier to meeting the goals outlined in imagine Austin. This is a longstanding and complicated policy issue that needs to be carefully addressed and we are willing to provide our expertise in this area. At the end of E day, our community deserves a new land development code that is comprehensive, car, and coorted. Reca stands ready to offer our expertise in developing a land development code that's good for the future of Austin. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Robert foster here? Why don't you come on down. You'll have three minutes. Mr. Curtis -- Mr. Rogers, sorry.

>> Thank you for the time. My name is Curtis Rogers, I'm a resident of 3, I'm an alternate member on the linguistic advisory council speaking as a private citizen. I appreciate to speak on the topic of parking regulations. Minimum requirements are a disaster for both environment and affordability in Austin. On the environmental side, abundant parking leads to more car ownership and more miles driven per person. A well-known transportation planner recently said minimum parking requirements are more effective than anything the coke brothers are doing. Putting the irrational fears of the privileged ahead of anyone, end quote. Ife believe in climate change and we care about air quality, mandatory parking does not have a place here. On affordability, forcing a builder to add unnecessary parking not only adds to the construction cost, which will later be passed to the tenant, but it also tells the builder to only create housing for people who can afford cars. When blders have to add expensive space to store cars, they have to make U the cost by adding more amenities, more square footage and end up only creating expensive housing. Removing parking minimums is not a silver bullet for these issues but a giant leap in the right direction for Austin. I urge you to choose the option to end required parking, just like current regulations are for downtown Austin. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: After rter foster talks, the next speaker is going to be Matt Armstrong.

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Is Matt Armstrong here? Hang on a second. Matt Armstrong? No? What about Chris wards twitch? I know I butchered that. It David connellyer? You have time donated from David Connelly. Ise here? Don't see him. What about Collin brandonberg? You'll have five minutes when you come up. Go ahead, sir.

>> Thank Y F allowing me to speak once again. As councilmember harper-madison pointed out ea ier today, our current code is broken. It only allows us to take a small bungalow, traditional form that was built in the 30s, 40s, and 50s, and replace it with a giant mansion that is way out of reach of many of us austinites, definitely us that aren't working in the tech or high-paid industries here. The problem is, this has been going on for decades now. And eonger we delay in rewriting the land development code, we're just going to see whole neighborhoods, bungalows just torn down and replaced with 3,000-square-foot mansions that go for \$250 a squa foot at minimum, thr's-quarters of a million dollars. There are ten positions at all of ACC where I work that can afford that. So unless you're in the top levels of our management, we're getting priced out of Austin, the peoplehat are teaching the students, the people that are building the houses, the people that are serving us food. The current land development code isn't doing anythinr us and it's hurting us immensely. So I want to keep this brief, but I just want to say, please don't shy away from the difficult tasks. Pass a vicious land development code, pass a strong affordable density bonus program, that's one of the few tools we are here. We have great work on the

original codenext, so continue on with that hard work and let's pass a code that will actually work for the people in Austin that aren't rich.

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Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

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>> Mayor Adler: After Chris, the speaker will be Craig Naser. You have five minutes.

>> Thank you. And I have presentation. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today. I'd like to briefly touch on a couple aspects of land use regarding the land development code. Today I'm speaking for myself. We need more housing for more people, we're in the middle of a housing crisis. Let me restate that to drive home the point. We're in the middle of a housing crisis. We need more housing. We need more public housing and more market rate housing, need diversity of housing types and uses everywhere. Please give the city manager a clear, unqualified mandate, eliminate exclusionary zoning. The status quo is broken. A piecemeal approach to trading entitlements is not working. Almost a year ago I came to council along with other housing applicants to support a \$300 million affordable housing bond. I'm here to ask you to upzone central Austin. We need more housing, services near good schools, high opportunity areas, near transit, jobs, and other amenities. I'm going to talk about an additional reason to upzone Austin, the fiscal case. It's far more efficient to provide necessary public services to urban development, further upzoning is fiscally costless and it's a net positive. As was mentioned earlier today, the city is considering more fire stations because of wildfire concerns. It's incredibly difficult and expensive to provide utilities for suburban development. We need much more development in the city core. Again, upzoning central Austin will expand our tax base. This is a map of property and sales tax per acre. It's a very stark contrast with the rest of the county. As was mentioned earlier, we're the economic engine of not only the region but also the state. Compare the value per acre of the downtown residential development to a mixed use Galleria, so we've got 30.2 million per acre, downtown at 2014 rates, versus 1.2 million per acre at the Galleria in the Bee Caves. So, in the R words, 7.2 acres downtown equals much more in Bee Caves. The more central Austin, not just downtown, the easier your predecessors will have with expanded tax base. What we have is fiscally unsustainable, in addition to being damaging. Please leave your predecessors in the next generation with a better fiscal outlook. They fund important city services. Let's expand that tax base and expand those services.

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park, Allen tail?%úi don't think!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!al Alan detail?we need more housing near%újobs and other amenities.%úthank you.%ú[applause]%ú> Mayor Adler: Thank you.%úwould you Al so send a copy%úof that Dec to the%úcouncilmembers?%úokay.%úafter Mr. Naser speaks, is%úkevin quist here?%úcome on up.%úyou'll have three minutes.ú>%> hello.%úthank you, Austin city%úcouncil for sittin G here and%úlistening to so much%úmatial today.@%-%@it's very impressive that%-%@you listen to this.%-%@I think it's great.%-%@I'm a musician.%-%@I grew up in a family of %-%@lawyers.%-%@the only thing I can thin%-%k@about to talk about is my%-%@own experience here.%-%@I grew up in a family of%-%@lawyers, but when I-%@announced I'd be a musician,%-%@I was sort of actually%-%@physically thrown out.%-%@I was lucky enough to get a%

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% -@I love acc.% -@I love teaching there.% -@it is such a privilege to do that had what are they worried about? They're worried about climate change. Let me tell you something. When that rain came, that rain came last Saturday, I was lucky enough to have to walk from parkfield to I-35, two blocks. I had my phone, it starts blinking, they say, you know, we have a flood warning. We had a rainfall rate three inches per hour.

[Buzzer sounding] I saw the flooding on -- on breaker.

>> Mayor Adler: You can finish your thought.

>> Yes. My thoughts this. We need to protect our impervious cover, we need to do better. So that's my thoughts about a new code. I wish you well. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. You're going to be our last speaker at three minutes. Is Seth lerou here? He's not. Eli pearl? Come on up, you have one minute.

>> Hello, council, I'm sure that by now you all have heard every argument for and against land use, the narratives on both sides have been thoroughly explained. Th reaey isn't much left to be heard, which means that this public testimony is more about showing up and displaying your commitment, which is why I am not studying for my wtewater engineering test tomorrow.

[Laughter] I'm an urbanist. I believe the entirely walkable cities are the most ideal way to design a city. Ey're highly equitable because transportation doesn't cost a dime when you just need your fee and they're also highly sustainable. If you need pro, which I'm sure you don't, but again, this is about showing up, resechers have found that histonnians will use5000 mega joules per person.

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On the othand, Toronto, a domantin housing type only uses 30,000 per person. You can guess how much Austin uses per person. Walkable cities also have an efficient public transit system, complete with dedicated lanes and connected routes. Frequent, cheap, and reliable transit is too good of a deal for us to turn down, and humans around the globe are harwired to use it. But before set off building a great system in Austin, let's remember to put people near the stations. As Austin continually grows,the need for T a-notch transit system will as well, and when we finally pass budget connect, the land use must be there to match it. This is all basic logic and we as a community understand it. When I talk to my friends about urban planning they don't look at me like I'm a wacko,hey understand it intuitively. They understand that compact and connected is the best way to grow. So with that in mind, are Delia Garza, Greg Casar, Jimmy Flannigan, Natasha harper-madispio rentern, kitchen, lead the charge, every plotf O

land in the city of Austin, abolish parking minimums, we have youracks. So, too, does logical urban planning. I want to thank you you will for your attention and I sincerely hope this is the last time I'm up on podium like this. We kno a gatd city looks like. It's time to dot.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: After Mr. Pearl, the next speaker is Jordan Mcghee.

>> She is actuall sick. She's .

>> Mayor Adler: She's gone. I hope she feels better. Is mark Seeger here? You'll be at this podium. You have one minute.

>> Oy.

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Good evening. I'm an undergraduate at U.T. I want to thank you all again for taking the time to listen to us a what you've undoubtedly heard many, many, many times before. Again, as Kevin said, the main reason I'm up here is mainly to demonstrate my commitment to this great city oustin. I just wanted to give a quick little anecdote about my trip to Houston orspring break, which was kind of unconventiol.na I went without a car, and I kind of hopped between different motels, but I did not have a car to getarou . From what I've seen, Houston S pretty sprawled out, it was vy hard to get around, id- I guess what I'm trying to say is that latin is at a crossroads in terms of either we keep land code antiquated and restrictive or we make it more accessible to people who need it. And, yeah, out ofryveity in Texas, I think Austin is by far the best, and I really want to keep it that way.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. After Mr. Seeger speaks, dahitworth would be the next speaker. Heis here? David whithtw come on down so you can start. Go ahead. You have one minute.

>> Thank you, mayor and councilmembers for your service to the city of Austin. My name is mark Seeger. I live in the judges hill residential area. We are bounded15th street, north Lamar, and martin Luther king. To make this brief, I would like to say several speakers have said one size does not fit all. That is certainly true for the residential area that I live in. If you were to adopt a half a mile, we would have no more single-family rescue in our neighborhood. If Y were to adopt a quarter of a mile, we would have three single-family residences in our neighborhood. That's if you were to roll back all of those requirements. The other thing I would like to point out is we have 23 historic homes that could be impacted, and so we would like F you to consider context.

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The solution I bring to you is the downtown Austin plan. All of the stakeholders including --

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>> Mayor Adler: You can finish your thought.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Okay. After Mr. Whitworth speaks, is Robert Dahl here? Robert Dahl? Why don't you come on down. You have time donated by Jesiah Stevenson. Is he here? You have two minutes. Stand down here at the podium. Go ahead and start. You have one minute.

>> Good evening, council. I'm David Whitworth, an infill builder in Austin, also president of the Austin infill coalition. As we go into this new code revision, I think of something my wife tells me from one of her design professors at University of Arizona, and she said if you want more of something, make it easier. That really speaks to me here in Austin. We need to make housing that we want easier and not get caught up in this argument of giving something away for free without exacting a price. The -- I really think that if you all make any wrong -- this is going to be a very complicated and difficult task, if you make some wrong decisions trying to do the right thing, I really think that you will be vindicated in the long run.

[Buzzer sounding] Is that three minutes?

>> Mayor Adler: It's one minute now.

>> Oh, I only got one minute.

>> Mayor Adler: That's right. So you can finish your thought.

>> To finish my thought, it's so hard to build housing in Austin that even an engineer planning commissioner recently had --

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

>> -- His flag subdivision not approved. And there's no luck for the rest of us until you all change the code. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Is Tina Barrett here? Come on down to the podium. And is Greg Anderson here?

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Greg Anderson? No? What about Lisa Wimberley? Why don't you stand behind this gentleman and move up to that podium. Go ahead, you have one minute.

>> I have two minutes; right?

>> Mayor Adler: Two minutes because you have time donated.

>> I live in allandale, I've lived there since 2007. I thank you'll a for having me here. I was first a renter for a couple of years, then for past decade a homeowner. I haveix S houses away from burnet road on one of the corridors. I received my ph.d. From uc Berkeley in 2001 and I've been teaching environmental science and sustainability for almost 20 years. I've held full-time pox at uc Berkeley, Texas A&M and U.T. Austin. I'm with the environmental scientist institute at U.T. Much of myrces has been in the area of climate change. Specifically the carbon cycland the effects of converting forest and natural ecosystems to agricultural land uses. I'm going to tell you a very brief story. I thought I'd have more time about the most affordable rental house in Austin -- no in Austin, in allandale, excuse me. I -- my first intaction in allandale in 200was a neighbor trying to get me to sign a petition to prevent the dividing of a lot near me. I refused to sign this petition, and I told my neighbor that I was a supporterf urban infill and urbanist ideals, primarily -- more housing San more affordability. My own time in allandale was almost cut short because of the growing Austin affordability crisis and my own family situation. After buying the allandale house in 2009 with my former partner, I soon became a single D .I could barely afford my rtgage and taxes in allandalend that situation became worse as taxes rose. So I decided to put my environmental sustainabili ideals where my mouth is and I decided to build an Adu.

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I built an accessory dwelling unit in allandale because my lot is huge, over a third of an acre.

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>> Mayor Adler: You can finish your thought.

>> This is the most affordable house -- I can't rent this house to my lot mates, but I share expenses. This house rents -- the shared expense pon is \$1425. There is not a single, single-family home in allandale that goes for undert price.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is srikar here? Why don't you stand behind this person at this podium, an rya nill here? Why don't you come on down and stand behind her. You have some time donated by Daniel Lewis and time donated by Robert burns. Is Robert burns here? Okay. So you'll have three minutes when you're time goes. If you'd stand behd her. Thank you. Go ahead. You have one mine.

>> Am I first?

>> Mayor Adler: I think so.

>> Doesn't matter.

Mayor Adler: Did I get it backward?

>> Either way.

>> Mayor Adler: Go ahead and tell me your name.

>> I'll go F. My name is Lisa Wimpey I live in Rosedale, in a single-family home on a large lot. My home is zoned SF-2 and I'm surrounded by homes SF-2 or 3. I'm a few blocks from the 803 bus stop. As much of Austin's urban core, the first barrier to affordability. The empty lots in my neighborhood sell for about a half million dollars. The only way to make this expensive land more accessible to more people is allow them to share the cost of this land, electricity, metroplexes, fourplexes, missing middle housing is the only way to move forward with our most pressing problems.

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Missing middle housing appoints neighborhood skill density at lower land cost, lower energy cost, lower water use and support for mass transit. Contrary to the fears expressed by some long term residents central Austin, this is not about taking single-family homes away, this is about giving opportunity for people to live, transit, jobs and other amenities offered for our city. This is an opportunity for Austin to be more inclusive and environmentally conscious.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Ms. Barrett, you're going to speak next. Is Mike Orse G here? Come on down and you can get in line go ahead. Hi. I'm Tina Barrett. I live in Rosedale and have lived there 20 years. I wrote something for three minutes so I'm going to try to just read the end of it. A hundred years ago, in a major advance for human dignity, the supreme court struck down a racial zoning law in Louisville, Kentucky, that prohibited non-whites from moving into homes in majority white areas. But this hardly ended racial discrimination in housing as whites adopted biased policies like economic zoning that banned apartment buildings in areas designated for single-family homes, often adding minimum lot size requirements, too. In fact, just nine years later in 1926, supreme court decision about zoning in a suburb of Cleveland, the court reasoned that an apartment house can be, quote, a mere parasite constructed in order to take advantage of open spaces and attractive surroundings created by the residential character of the district, end quote. My hope is that in 2019, Austin city council will realize that neighborhood character is really just a relic code word of that age, and meant to keep the poor away from the privileged. We have to do better than this. Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. So, who is to speak, and in the meantime, is Sarah Cook here? Sarah Cook? Come down, stand behind this gentleman.

[8:58:12 PM]

Could, sir.

>> Hi. Mayor, city council, thanks for letting me speak. I'm a student at U.T. Austin. I've had the great privilege of growing up in Texas around the Austin area, and I would like you to allow us living

in Austin to have the choice of what many people before me have called missing middle housing. Basically, I think when people talk about buzz words like density, they think either it has to be, like, wntown sky scrapers or west campus, 25 story apartment buils, which we need in some places, or some huge 2000-square-foot house, so I think having these duplexes and fourplexes are very nice and to use an example, a lot of my family moved to ameri to Washington, D.C., which is another capital city and comparable to Austin in many ways, and they're favorite neighborhoods, like capitol hill, are all duplexes and fourplexes like townhouses D ran houses. People love those neighborhoods and hope we have the choice to have those.

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>> Mayor athank you very much.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Mr. Nill, you're going to have three minutes to be able to speak. Is Lori wedlick here?

>> I donate my time

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>> Mayor Adler: Okay. That will be fine. Sarah, you'll have two minutes then. Is Betsy here? Why don't you standt this podium. Go ahead, sir, you have three minutes.

>> Hello. My nams Ryan. I'm with the Austin cooperative business ocean and I've lived in housing cooperatives for more than ten years now. A cooperative is a form of democratyly managed housing by itsan T. There's only about 800 people living in co-s in Austin right now so they're quite difficult to build, like many missing middle houses we often occupy missing middle houses but we get confused with fraternities, dorms, halfway homes so it can be difficult to exist as a co-op in Austin.

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Co-ops, by creating community, create great economenef B. It's -- I like to say it's a kind of in-between model between home ownership and renting. You get the benefits of home ownership, being able to choose what you do with your property and where to spend your money and you get the drawbacks of being responsible for your property and having to side what to do with it. I live in co-ops because the first reason is primarily because of community. I really was drawn to something that felt like my extended family. I've got like nine uncles and aunts and 30 cousi and visiting grandparents was a lolike visiting my first co-op. I really stuck around for the economic benefits and and the prices, they're kind of fantastic. Live in an apartment building off north Lamar and Anderson. It's 700 square feet. We pay \$900 a month. 150 of that is food and utilities. I don't have to drive to the grocery store. Someone does that for me. And, you know, having access to cooperative housing as a college student was a great education in the skills of home ownership and kind of living in community, and I know my three supporters who give me time, or I guess two, they're from the college co-ops and I know they highly value education and Servi students. Co-ops are really good at serving populations that really need it. My cooperative, we work with profits who's helped us house two homeless veterans that have been successfully thriving in

my -- in my reunion over a year each. We started a partnership to help house volunteers. They're the missing middle, very difficult to build and there is definitely a policy solution in the Austin housing blund which is relax density restrictions, occupancy limits, and parking specifically for co-ops. And as you've heard, that is definitely something we should do across the board, but we should do that partularic for co-ops in addition, and the blueprint also calls for Ming a specific zoning designation for cooperatives so we don't get confused with some of these most popular uses that we often get, you know, included in collateral damage for.

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So thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Than you very much. Alicia, why don't you -- you're going to be on deck. You have time donated by Kyle hospital Kins. And als David Glenn. When you get called you'll have three minutes, but the next speaker is mik Tak-- your time.

>> Thank you. I wanted to say and point out that there are aot of different people in Austin who are different situations and need different options. There are people who he been happily married for 30 years and want to stay right where they ar for as long as they live, and there are also people like my mom who, R instance, in her case, she was married for 25 years to my stepfather, then he decided that he wanted a divorce, which to her was completely unexpected, and the house needed to be sold and she needed to move, and to be clear, she lives in Massachusetts but I'm sure that there are people in Austin in a similar situation. And there are also young people who are just starting out, who need to find housing. My point is that people don'tust J need the ability to stay,pleeo also need the ability to move and to fiouisi H, and there isn't enough housing in the places where people want to live and in the places that are relatively walkable and relatively well served by transit. We need more choices. We need meor cooperatives, more missing middle housing. We need T liberalize our code. The city --

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-- Has been changing and the code needs to be organic just as the city is. Ithouldn't necessarily be static, and we --

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

>> Shouldn't have something just because it made sense decades ago. We need things THA still make sense.

>> Mayor Adler: Than you very much.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Danielle Skidmore, you're going to be up next. If you want to get in line behind someone, that wod be great. Ms. Cook, go ahead and start. You have two minutes.

>> My name is Sarah cook.

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I'm here as co-president of the Hyde park neighborhood association to reiterate the content of a much 4th letter in which encouraged continued involvement of neighborhood associations and contact teams in the city's redesign of the land development code. In that letter we described how we feel that our neighborhood's effort show that growth, which you go the gentle density described by councilmember harper-madison earlier, can be supported by testing tools and invited you visit with us. That invitation still stands. I also want to take the opportunity to urge you and all of us to reject the false dichotomy presented by other interests, some presented tonight and one and other times. If you want to see the ten urbanist principles embodied, come visit Hyde park. Specific examples include nccd's provisions with principles like walkability, quality architecture in urban design, smart transportation, and as good an example of mixed use and mixed housing as you'll find outside of downtown, not to mention middle housing. Also, I think you can walk through Hyde park and see some measure of yembeism in action. Throughout our neighborhood people have and are continuing to construct second units in their backyards and several single-family homes have recently been developed into two-unit structures. People are often saying yes in my backyard. My co-president, from whom you will hear later, and I, commit that we will make time with you, your staff and others to come see WHA I briefly described here and discuss our efforts to include affordable units, new developments, and provide for increased density but at the very least a citizen, I knowledgely urge you to reconsider

--knowledge you to consider the possibilities. As you finish the land development code process, don't forget the neighbors just up the street who are eager to participate. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Before Betsy speaks, is Caroline Bailey here? Yes? Why don't you come on up to this podium here.

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Ms. Klavine.

>> Me? I'm Betsy and I've lived in the Hyde park area for 20 years first as a renter, now as a homeowner. I don't have much time, but as you're considering what to do with the sorry, consider the nccd in the new land development code. There are 45 apartment complexes in the neighborhood along with diverse housing stock, commercial district, and allows for a lot of additional density that has not been fully developed at this time. We are interested in conversations about increasing middle -- the middle -- missing middle housing across the city, something that our neighborhood was actually rezoned for by the Opticos group, and we're so interested in talking with you about ways to appoint for additional affordability in our neighborhood, especially as the existing housing stock is redeveloped and becomes more expensive. Thank you.

>> Mayor a: Thank you very much. Befo Alicia speaks, is Liz Warner here? Why don't you come on down. You have three minutes.

>> Hi, everyone. I'm Alicia. A resident of district 9, and I moved there intentionally because I did not want to be part of the gentrification and the displacement that I see over on the east side of town. I have a lot of friends of color, a lot of friends that have lived in those communities for a long time, but I have to tell you that for a 28-year-old me it was nearly impossible to find an affordable option in district 9. And the only reason that I was able to actually find a place is because I recently got a new job that pays a lot better than running local city council races did. But I found my place, and it's right up south first, just up the hill from what a burger which is awesome because we all love a good Patty melt. At least I do. Come back from the bars it's especially good. In addition to being able to walk to food, which is really awesome, I love my community because it's a great multifamily house community.

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I live really close to my neighbors, the unit next-door to me is an elderly couple and Joe, and they'll take my mail in for me when I'm traveling for work or I'll walk their dog for them when Joe is having trouble walking because he has a bad hip. As a survivor of sexual assault, I really like sharing walls with my neighbors because it makes me feel safe, I know who's around me and I'm not surrounded by a bunch of, you know, empty lot which who knows who's lurking out there, so it works really, really well for me. Super into the fact that it's really a community, a compact and connected community and that's what multifamily housing is, and that's what the character of my neighborhood is. And I really love my community, like I said, so I wanted to get more involved. So I recently started attending neighborhood association meetings. I was distressed to see that there are only two other people that were around my age, I would say like 90% of the association was white, wealthy, and over the age of like 55 or 60, and the needs of those people whose voices are being represented in these neighborhood plans and overwhelmingly in these neighborhood associations are not youth like me and certainly not youth of color. And, again, I'm an owner because I was able to get this BETR job and put down a down payment which I'm super proud of, even though it's just a little tiny one bedroom condo, I'm very proud of it. But people who lived next to me in timber creek, for example, they're not coming to these neighborhood association meetings. The people living at the willows and all the other -- renters in our community, their voices aren't being heard. And frankly, the people whose voices are being heard are not going to be around to see the effects of not making room for more housing, they're not going to be around for the effects of climate change and the mass displacement that's going to cause. They're not going to be around when people like me are trying to start families and can't find one affordable option in central Austin, let alone in Austin city limits. Frankly, I do a lot of work for this community, you'll see me a lot in a variety of capacities, I don't think I should have to move to Pflugerville or he will be Elgin, people are such in arms, without making room for people of color and people that can't afford single-family homes.

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Thanks for listening. Please listen to the youth voices too. Appreciate y'all's time. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Is Kevin Mclaughlin here? Why don't you come on down. Ms. Skidmore, you have one minute.

>> My name is Daniel Skidmore, resident of district 9. Thank you for the time. My time is short I, just have three points for your consideration. With recent approval of smp, I cannot stnoug E the importance of meaningful density on our corridors, not only the corridors but near the corridors, not only in the future high capacity transit corridors but on all the high frequency corridors. This density must come with reableonmpatibility standards that do not segregate among residential uses. Mandatory minimum parking requiremtsxacerbate our city's transportation challenges. The new code must follow the lead of truly Progressive cities everywhere and eliminate them. We have other too to manaur public right-of-way. Last point is about nccd's. Any notion that these areas are untouchable in a code rewrite is not our city's goal of reviewing each of R aouions through a lens of equity. All of our neighborhoods are important.

[Buzzer sounding] Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Is Brian Poteet here? Brian Poteet? Why don't you come on down. And Caroline.

>> Hi. My name isolar Bailey. I live in district 9. First of all, thank you for the opportunity to speak here tonight. I am in favor of a new, better, and more Progressive progressland use ce. I believe that land use codes should promote affordability, sustainability, and opportunity for all. I don't think our current code does that. We need to plan for an Austin 30-plus years from now. Y neerhborhood, not just corridors, should have every type of housing besides single-family homes, because our city is not just comprised of traditional nuclear families.

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It's full of multigenerational families, living together, chosen families. We need to make possible all kinds of housing for all kinds of households, families, and people, adus, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes six-plexes, group homes, et cetera.

[Buzzer sounding] We need to make major changes if we want to fight climate chaeng and support the asmp and strategic housing blueprint and project connect.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Maydler: Is Eric wise here? Why don't you come on down. Liz Warner.

>> Hi. My name is Liz Warner. I live in district 9 and I'm in favor of reforming the land use code to make Austin more sustainable. I'm a recent graduate of U.T., I lived in the chaos that is west campus. I won't talk to the affordability of housing or availability of grocery stores, but I loved to live in a vibrant, connected community. It was but link with life and had housing to accommodate the thousands of students to make a community. After graduation my friends and I all moved to different parts of Austin. Though we live miles away from each other, it feels like we've moved to different cities. Many moved to the outskirts of the city. We plan get-togethers, the only way we can spend time with each other. The drastic difference between these two Austins show there's ample room for improvement that includes adding abundant middle housing and improving the connectability of the city. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Ry Crowley, come on down. Kevin.

>> I'd just like to say what a pleasure it is to look at this city council as you begin to rewrite the land development code. People move to Austin for the opportunity that it provides they move here to get jobs, to start families, but I want to talk about a different kind of opportunity, and that is the opportunity that the eleven of you have to allow missing middle housing by right everywhere in Austin.

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Not just duplexes but fourplexes, townhomes, row homes, even in Austin, that's the kind of housing we need. And that opportunity is why I'm excited to look at this city council. You all know you need to make the changes to both our land development code and the one on the ground mapping this year because if you don't, this chance may never return again. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Sarah Simpson here? Sarah Simpson? Why don't you come on down and get in line. Brian Poteet.

>> Hi. My name is Brian Poteet and I'm here to speak in favor of eliminating requirements, single-family zoning, and nccds, citywide. You all agree that we face an existential environmental crisis, but some of your positions simply do not reflect that. During the work session this week, there seemed to be consensus for eliminating parking requirements on transit corridors but enormous. This is a half measure. Parking requirements increase housing cost and subsidized driving regardless of the location. In what context should we ensure more affordable housing can't be built? In what context should we subsidize cars? Hyde park? Allandale? I don't think there's any context in which we should be doing that. If you prefer to prioritize the enrichment of current homeowners at the expense of affordability and the climate, at least be straightforward about it. Otherwise, please follow the commendations from the numerous environmental and housing organizations calling for elimination of parking minimums and legalization of missing middle citywide.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Is Andre London Abraham here? Andrew Abraham? Come on down and get in line. Eric wise.

>> I am Eric wise, a fourth year undergraduate at the university of Texas. I think we -- it's a general agreement that we all appreciate our time and our choices, allowing people to have choice where they live, a choice how they travel can be achieved through a more dense, more mixed use area, being able to walk somewhere as opposed to drive somewhere can be quicker, can be faster, give them more time to spend at city council meetings, reading a book, watching TV, water they want, and this can be achieved -- this density mixed use can be achieved through townhouses, fourplexes, six-plexes, and to make this change in Austin, that would be wonderful.

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Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Dan here? Is Dan here? Come on down, get in line. Ryan Crowley.

>> Hi. Thank you very much for allowing me to speak. I currently live at a co-op in district 9, part of the college system cooperatives, I want to speak in favor about increasing the availability of cooperatives in the city. I think we're all very proud of the reputation Austin has as a Progressive city. I think we can really do a lot more work to improve even on that reputation and have real action. I was very fortunate to meet you at a social we had on 21st street. Cooperatives are really amazing, because the members who are living there have the democratic control over their actions and over their housing. It's really all of a lot of our principles in real action. I think it's especially great if we -- it's a great option for how we can look to increase density, and yet without this fear that many people have of it leading to harm for current residents because the people living in the cooperative, we are the people in control of our cooperative, rather than the money that we spend in the cooperative, it stays in our community. We are a community. Also leads to more democracy and I think it's a great option. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Megan Meisembach here? Come on down and Sarah Son will speak.

>> I live in district 9. I'm here this evening to talk about planning disasters, specifically the one we've been living amongst for the better part of a century but have done nothing about, that is parking requirements. The high cost of parking, a process that costs a lot of money and has gone extremely wrong. Urban renewal and high rise public housing are classic examples but few people recognize parking requirements as a disaster because the costs are hidden and harm is diffused. Parking requirements cause great harm, subsidize cars, disorient transportation choices, increase housing choices, damage the economy, degrade the environment.

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Parking requirements also cost a lot of money. Although this cost is hidden in higher prices for everything except parking itself. All parking requirements have all the hallmarks of a great planning disaster, we need to start acknowledging that. What do we do about it? Reject the science that 20th century parking planning and remove parking minimums across the city, not just downtown, require and incentivize the

unbundling of parking from the housing and community cost, the land development code code rewrite dependence on it as does the strategic plan

>> Mayor Adler: Is Linda here? Come on down, da L and speaking now is and W.>> Thank you. Mayor and councilmembers. I was born Austin. I've lived here all my life. My wife was not born in Austin. She moved had he ever.

-- She moved here and madey life amazingly better. Many people would benefit from moving to Austin and enjoying the welcome and acceptance the city is known for. When we first move find in -- moved in together, we were living in smaller, now older apartment buildings that were affordable, and are no longer in the areas that they are allowed to be built. You couldn't build a new one there. And it met it much easr when we we want to buy a house. We wanted a townhouse that was, like, the right scale for us, but there were none available. The only opportunity we could see to live in the areas that would give us the minimum carbon impact was missing middle like that, where we could share the land with other owns, the location. And we W like that everywhere.

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>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Is Thomas Ates here? ?Es come on down, get in line. Inhe meantime, Dan.

>> I'm here today to talk also, as many others did, about how important it is to have the option of missing middle everywhere.

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The very -- your very first speaker talked about that housing economics is more complicated than just how many units. It's not just 135 units, 145,000 units, it matters what kind of units we allow. I only have a minute so M not going to go into it too deep, but low rise housing is the least expensive type of housing to build, just construction cost, not land, mid rise is more expensive. High rise is more expensive than that. Land in the cenal city is the most expensive Lande W have. Land along the periphery is the least expensive. When we don't allow the land to be divided up in a central city, then we're saying either you can build an expensive kind of housing, id M rise, high rise, or you can have expensive land, 450,000. There is no cheap option.

[Buzzer sounding] Right now we are incentivizing demolition of the hill country, the only place you can have a cheap construction type and cheap land.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Is Mike white here? Mr. White? You will be in line, please.

>> Good evening. Good evening, mayor and councilmembers. Thank you for listening to the people tonight. I wanted to touch on something Ms. Moffett was talking about, what the city demographer identified as the need for the ten-year need for there, the five county area is 135,000 units. That's not just for Austin. At its current build rate the Austin region is already greatly surpassing this target. And the manager, city manager's memo says that the city of Austin, under its current zoning, has the capacity for 145,000 additional units. So of these 135,000 units for the five-county region, 60,000 needs to be truly affordable.

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Also, I notice the mfi is based on HUD figures, which is also Travis county and not for Austin, so it seems like perhaps a visit from the city demographer could clear up some of these things.

[Buzzer sounding]

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Can you. Is Jared Brackenridge here? Either one. Either one. Is Jared Brackenridge here? Okay. You'll be up next. You have a minute.

>> Good evening. Sorry. I live in old west Austin, district 9. I'm 67 years old and I've lived in Austin for 50 years. It was a sweet little town in 1969. And, again, in the '70s, I was a council aide. Dealing with problems we dealt with back then, it seems really quaint, but Austin was mushrooming up towards 300,000 in population and we thought it was ruined. In the '80s I was raising three children with the land development code that was passed. The current land development code. Just as my children grew up, the land development code needs to grow up and change completely. You can't be -- pretend to be concerned about climate change if you're going to continue to push the periphery and beyond. I went to Houston one weekday morning early. I saw --

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-- Headlights coming from Bastrop at 7:30 in the morning. It's just appalling. We need to provide missing middle abundant housing for all the --

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

>> People here.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Is Gerald Balaka here? Come on down. Mr. Ates, you have one minute.

>> I think there's been a mixup.

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>> Mayor Adler: Mr. Ates? Asom Ates? You're up next, I think.

>> Sorry about that.

>> Mayor Adler: That's okay.

>> All-righty. My name is Thomas Ates and I live in district 9. And I guess I grew up in Cincinnati, and Cincinnati is a town that -- well, my mom's family is from there, so I blame it on my mom. You know, basically how Cincinnati is. We tend to hide our emotion, we tend to be really forceful about what we say. My dad's family is here, from here in Austin, and basically I had to learn my southern manners -- manners, you know, from my grandma and everybody. But I've been really grateful to be able to stay here, stay here longer than I thought that I could, to be honest. I've really lucked out and found some really wonderful people to be able to stay where I'm at. I live in an Adu, and I've been able to see just how great missing middle can be. It gives me -- you know, gives me a life. I'm able to have my house --

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-- Yd, everything. Please don't take that away from austinites. Make sure that missing middle can be an option for everyone.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank u.yo >> Thank you so much.

[Applause]

>> Mayor Adler: Mike white.

>> Hel. My name is Mike while. I am home a NER in the Brentwood neighborhood.

>> Mayor Adler: You're up next.

>> Currently work for a nonprofit housing organization. Housing has become out of reach for many in this city. I was lucky to buy a home in this city five years ago even though it was an extreme stretch, but today my millennial friends are interested in purchasing a home in areas where jobs have been created. Many people in Austin don't want to see any change but we must ensure all future generations are able to participate in the purchase of a home.

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In order to do so we must allow for more housing through efficient land use. We need our land to accommodate mixed housing sizes, mixed in connection and mixed uses in our city. Even within the finer fabric of our neighborhoods. We need townhomes, row homes, fourplexes and six-plexes allowed on all city lots. We need apartment homes, retail, commercial, even secondary arterials in single-family neighborhoods we should have the ability to walk within our communities to meet our daily needs. We should not give away potential homes to part-time storage space for cars, we need to do all this while protecting our open space and water.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Mr. Brackenridge, you have a minute.

>> Good evening, mayor, councilmembers. My name is Jared Brackenridge. I'm an Austinite who grew up here. Within the past 20-plus years, whatnot. Right? I grew up here on the east side of Austin. However, my family, like many others, have been displaced. As you can tell, many of us that have been displaced are not in this space right now, which is a problem, because you guys are getting to hear the responses of how we should develop our land from other people that have just moved here, things like that. No, we need to worry about people that were here originally and we need to create a plan on how we're going to bring affordable -- and y'all use that term so flexible -- stop using flexible, when we say affordable, we mean actually affordable for new college students that have just graduated from Huston-Tillotson, where I'm currently attending. When we graduate, where we gonna go? We'd love to stay here in Austin. You guys don't have enough black people here in the city of Austin but I guess there's no plan on allowing us to stay here. But I hope that you guys have a change in heart, that you guys can actually make that possible. My brown sisters as well and brothers, they would love to stay here, and I'm going to let y'all have your time back, but please keep that in mind, affordable for everybody.

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>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Gerald Balaka, you're our last speaker.

>> My name is Gerald Balaka and I live in Bryker Woods, district 10, and I'm very concerned that you have not studied the issue about removing parking restrictions enough because our streets are just not wide enough to have them parked -- have cars parked on both sides of the street and still have two-way traffic. I've traveled to a lot of cities that have put in apartments and fourplexes and whatever in neighborhoods, but they require parking and have wider streets and our streets are just not wide enough. It's just going to become gridlock the way a two-way street becomes a one-way. So I really need -- I think we really need to study this more. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. I want to thank everybody for coming and speaking to us tonight. That gets us all the speakers we had signed up. Colleagues, just to reiterate our earlier conversation, this conversation is going to continue amongs on the bulletin board to help with that, we were asked to try to take sentiment that was expressed on Tuesday. We're going to post a document tomorrow that people can then react to and perhaps use as a point of departure over the following ten days. The next time that we will discuss it again will be at our next work session meeting, which is on April 23rd. We're going to put it on the agenda for April 23rd. We're also going to put it on the agenda for April 25th and allow us the opportunity to be able to vote a resolution, should we wish to do so on the 25th. There seems to be some desire to at least have that opportunity available when we spoke last Tuesday.

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So to that end, any comments or discussions on this while we're here? Yes, councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: No comments, I just want to clarify. So I think we should also clarify for the public that -- that they can continue to come and comment the dates that you mentioned, so I just wanted to clarify that. In other words, today is not the last day for people to comment.

>> Mayor Adler: No, I would urge people to contact our office we're going. Not only that I would urge people on the 25th, that will be set for an opportunity. Then I would also point out that if we're able to answer the five questions that the manager has asked us to answer, and should the manager then take those answers in the direction and come back with a staff proposal, that itself will initiate a rigorous and open community conversation as it works through the board and commission process before it would get back to council again, so there will be multiple opportunities. Unless anybody has something else -- yes.

>> I just wanted to thank everybody coming. What I've learned in many of these public hearings about this issue is, everybody is really saying the same thing, that we just want to live in this great city, regardless if we were born here or new here, and be able to walk to things and be able to enjoy our community, and that's -- it's just so unfortunate how this often becomes so divisive because I heard so many people say the same thing. I hope as we move forward in this, regardless of what side we think we're on here, that we all know that we're all just really wanting the best for our community, and that is really of our -- that's the thing we have in common with our motivation, is we just really want the best for our community, and that's what, you know -- that's what each one of us up here will have disagreements, but I'm looking forward to the continued process to change -- to change what I think needs to be changed.

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>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember kitchen?

>> Kitchen would echo that. I think a number of people said that at the work session, and mayor pro tem, thank you for pointing out. I think that's really important. And I would just like to add that sometimes we are tempted to think in terms of trade-offs where there actually aren't trade-offs, that actually we can think in terms of a broader picture, so, for example, sometimes it's tempting to think of affordability versus density, and that's really not what we're talking about here we're talking about both. So -- and we need both. So -- so I think as we continue the conversation, let's just think in terms of all working together, and it's going to take all of us to really think through how we can get done what we're saying we want to get done. It's not an easy task, and so I just look forward to the continued conversation.

>> Mayor Adler: Anybody else?

>> Renteria: Mayor? You know, where I live at East Austin right off of Holly Street, there's a -- my back door -- my backyard, there's a 160-foot building there. It's equalled Rebecca Bain, and that's senior housing. And, now, I don't even notice it.

[Laughter] You know, that's the way --

[applause] In my neighborhood, we have fourplexes. They're along lamby street there, TRE are four houses on one lot. East Austin used to have all these little small fourplex, eight-plex, that's the way they built back then, and unfortunately, a lot of esethouses became old, they got demolisd, ahe the rezoning ced everything back to single-family 3.

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And so, you kw, wno need to really start focusing on -- on looking at all our land and make sure that W plan it right so that we can have all kind and all forms of housing because it's getting to that point now that we're saving the neighborhood,rh butthe house are selling for a million dollars. You know, this is what happened when we did the historic district there on willow street, from frontage road at 35 to waller. You know, we -- we decided that we were going to make that into a historic district, and sure enough, people get all afraid that they're going to lose value on their property. But they're selling for a million dollarsow. You know. And that's my neighborhood. I paid 21,000. I could have bought a big mansion there with two servant houses for 49,000, years ago. And we thought it was just too much.

[Laughter] You know. So I just ask and plead to people that, you know, don't be afraid, know. I have -- we was the first neighborhood thatpt in for auds, you know. The neighborhood council fought us and fought us and fought us and we prevailed the city council level, so I just want toet L people know that, you know, Austin is growing. It always has agreed. I was born here and it's going to continue to grow. We always make it real hard on ourself because we say no, no, no, and they still come. And they're willing to open up their wallets and pay a lot more for a piece of land, you know. And that's -- when the appraisal district sees that they -- they're buying your land and giving you \$500,000 and they tear the house down and build two more units there and sell them for 750, I tell you what, your value is going to go up.

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My land valueow is \$300,000, and we haven't got the appraisal for this year yet. And I'm afraid that it's going to go up even higher. I mean, that's without a house. So we really need to do something. We're desperate. We don't want to be moved -- we don't want to moveut. And we know thatith W he

--that we need a more affordable unit. Building density and more aparentstmor the last 15 years, everce I was able to get Eddie Rodriguez to help me out on the homestead preservation. You know. Becae we knew that we needed more density in order to keep our workforce housing there in my neighborhood. So that's what I look at. Cane continue toeiv the path that we're doing now and just have noerow income people living in east Austin.

[Applause]

>> Mayor, if I may, briefly, I'd like to echo myllco eagues. One other thing I'd like to add to the commentary, and this has been helpful for me and I encourage other people to try it, land use isn't my

background or my specialist so for me, aot of it is anecdotal and just makes sense. When you're moving through the world and you're having conversations with folks about land use, if you happen to be one of these that speaks land use in your sleep, don't B patronizing. It doesn't further the cause. I'd also like to say it benefits us all to move with civilitynd respect. That's also very helpful, including, like, the young lady from Hyde park, I'd love to come and visit of the I didn't get your email so I'm going to take a look, I'd love to come and v,it but you referred to yourself as a yembe, heard yembe.

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Why -- I think we should really all make a conrtedce effort to stop calling each other names. I also think it would be very beneficial for us to try to see, like, mayor pro tem said, where we have something in common and try to me from that place. I think it inherently makes the conversation much more civil and much more productive. And thank you guys again for everybody coming out and being so pint and sticking around for so long. Have a good night.

>> Mayor Adler: And with that, we're going to get this done, 9:42, the meeting is adjourned.