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>> Mayor Adler: All right. I thk we have a quorum here. I think we can get going. But before we start the meeting here this morning, two things. The first is that -- to add to the 150 new arrivals in Aust here in a few days will be Lauren, who arrived in Minneapolis last night at 21 inches, eight pounds, 15 ounces.

>> Big baby!

>> Mayor Adler: Bigaby.

[Applause]. Will soon be coming home. And then before we G too far to wake us up, we had a birthday this weekend that we missed on Tuesday. Greg's birthday was Saturday. Jimmy, can you lead us in happy birthday?

[Laughter].

>> ♪ Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you. Happy birthday dear Greg, happy birthday to you ♪

[applause].

>> Casar: Thank y'all.

>> Jimmy, I think you had a birthday in your officeoo.

>> Flannigan: My chief of staff's birthday.

>> Mayor Adler: Cool. I think we did a a little better, Jimmy. I think we'll have you do that. All right. It is council meeting. Before we begin we'll start with an invocation. I think we have pastor Roy Jones here from new hope missionary Baptist church. Is pastor with us? Sir, would you come on down. Would every please rise.

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Good mning, let's bow. Oh god, how excellent is your name in all the Earth. We thank you for another day of life, of living. We say thank you. Continue to bless this council, god, we pray together that we work in love and allow us to realize that we serve you by serving the people. Continue to bless this great city O Austin and then god before we close we want to lift up those who had to go through some things in the storms and the rains, and the tordoes all around central Texas, whatever happened, god we lift them up to you right now continue to protect them and keep them and thank you for protecting us through the weather. We say thank you. You are ansome god. Ths nobody like you, in

Jesus name we pray, amen. May>> Adler: Thank you, sir. All right. Today is Thursday, may 9th, 2019. We're here in city council chambers here at city hall, 301 west second street. It is 0:15 1 we have a quorum so we can begin. I'm looking at today's changes and corrections page. Colleagues, there are three items that have been withdrawn. Number 4, number 21 and number 4 2.item number 9 postponed indefinitely. Item number 10 is being postponed until August 8th of this year.it number 19, councilmember kitchen should be shown as a sponsor. Item number 32 we have an item that's for 2:00 P.M. Time certain, no earlier than 2:00 P.M. And at that time it's going

to be postponed until August H. >> Pool: Mayor, if I may.

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Back up on item 19 there was another correction to the rd.co

>> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry.

>> Pool: Did you want to read that one in as well.

>> Mayor Adler: That's good. It says the general tenets of the new green new deal. That's in the posting language. The item number 32, as I said a moment ago. Item number 34, the applicant is jci residential. Resi ntial, lc. So the name has been corrected. Item number 41 being postponed to June 6th, 2019. The pulled items that I'm showing so far on this, we have number 8 pulled I think by councilmember kitchen as well as speakers. Item number 19 being pulled by speaks.er item number 20 being pulled both by speakers and councilmember alter, I think. But certainly by speakers. We hav late backup in items 4, 9, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 32, 35, 37 and 41. Okay. We're also goi to pull item number 37 so that we can discuss that in executive session. So looking at the agenda for us today, the consent items are items 1 through 22 and also 37 through 42. 1 through 22 and 37 to 42. The pulled items I'm showing are 19, 20 and 37. Anything else to pull before we go to speakers speaking on the consent agenda?

[10:18:46 AM]

Yes, mayor pro tem.

>> Garza: Can staff let me know why 4 was withdrawn? And we can move on to something else until staff can be out here, but that was something really important to my district.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Good morning, council, Rodney Gonzalez, assistant city manager. I'm finding that information out and I'll get that to you shortly. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Thank you. Let's go ahead and have the speaker come up speaking on the consent agenda. Mr. Pena, why don't you come on down. Bless you. I have you signed up on items 3, 17 and 22.

>> Got that ready. Good morning, mayor and councilmembers. Gus Pena, proud native east austinite, proud united States Marine Corps veteran. First of all want to thank councilmember Natasha harper-madison with the presentation they had in east Austin regarding prop Ty taxes, and I thank you for hugging me too because I need all the hugs I can get. Anyway, I appreciate you very much and THA letership over there. And we still have some problems. Okay. Startitng number 3 is of course the design action for the fire stations, and I want to tnk the assistant chief of the fire department for educating me. The architect delivery approval, that's what they're talkingutbo on this issue. So anyway, we're supportive if we can escalate it, we'd appreciate it. Number -- that's number 3. Number 17 is of course accepting the results of the audit of the actual valuation, et cetera, for the pensions. Strongly support our first responders to that issue. And you said 22, right?

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Mayor Adler: Yes.

>> Okay. That's having to do with credits for the generation housing development lc. Okay. I'm going to say this again, I have not found any true blue affordable housing issues here in Austin, Texas, real true blue affordable housing. I have a problem with that. I've been dealing with this since Bruce Todd was mayor and I told y'all wraparound services, having units for people that are transitig out of homelessness into self-sufficiency, that's what we need right now, mar. It's fractured right now. Mayor, I know that Ann Howard has stated there's only 46 homeless veterans. I beg to defer. I went to the va clinic, I found 75 homeless veterans in tents, makeshift tents and housing. So let's stop with the lies, ok? That's enough of lying about my veterans as only 46 homeless vetans in Austin, Texas. Right now we counted 1150 as of the last time. So I tot stop that because even the newspaper has stated that's incorrect. Audit homeless service providers don't meet goals. That shoul't be acceptable to you, it's N acceptable to y'all. It's a slap in the face for my veterans and female veterans with children that this is only 46 homeless veterans in austin,as.ex bull! You need to do a better of finding out what the true blue count is of homeless veterans. Because they D't want y'all to find them. They know me already so I'm going to leave it at that, mayor, because I don't want a heart attack, but I want to say this, y'all need do a better job of housing Thom heeless veterans and counting the homeless veterans as it is. Again, I want to thank y'all for the efforts Y've done for our veterans and I appreciate it very much, harper-madison.

[10:22:48 AM]

Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Council, we're back up to the dais. Again the consent agenda, 1 through 22, 37 to 42. Pull items are 8, 13, 20 and 37. With respect to item number 17 that's the pension item. There were several recommendations that were made in that looking at the pensions. And I just want to highlight that and ask that as part of the budget process preparing for next year's budget that somebody is taking a look at things we are doing in next year's budgets to be responsive to any of the pension questions. I don't know the answer to that, just raise that as an issue to be looked at.

>> Staff will certainly be looking at them.

>> Mayor Adler: Thanks. Anything else before we vote on the consent agenda? Yes, councilmember Harper-Madison.

>> Harper-Madison: I think E are home folks in the room who already know this, but my husband is an Austin firefighter and I don't know if I need to recuse myself from that particular item, number 17.

>> Mayor Adler: This one we're just receiving the pension report so I think you're okay. >> R-Mapeson: Okay, thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Council confirms that's correct.

>> Garza: I'm still wondering about 4.

>> Mayor Adler: Hang on a second. >> Mayor and council, it's my understanding that the work is still going to get done, it's just that they don't need to hire a consultant for this particular aspect, but they fully intend to do the work it's intended to do.

>> Garza: Okay. Can you have staff Rea out to my office about that?

>> I certainly will.

>> Garza: Thank you. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda? Councilmember Alter.

>> Alter: On item number 4, I believe they just hired somebody internally who's working on it which might be part of the answer. I wanted to abstain on item 3. I had some additional capital contracting questions that didn't get answered, but I don't want to hold up the RFP.

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And then I believe item 13 is the contract for water with Leslie and I'd like to be shown as abstaining from that one.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. The record will note. Anything else. Is there a motion -- yes, and a half.

>> Flannigan: I want to be shown voting no on 13. This is the Nestle's water contract, I understand after the contract comes to us it's difficult to unpack the process. But I hope staff will think differently about how a city that owns water utility is purchasing water from an exterior source.

>> Mayor Adler: All right is there a motion to I approve the consent agenda? The mayor pro tem makes the motion. Councilmember Flannigan seconds that. Knows in favor of the consent agenda please raise your hand? Those opposed? It pass unanimously with the specific notations made. That then gets us to the agenda and we could begin with item number 8, which is the Daugherty arts center. Councilmember Kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I have a motion sheet which amends item number 8, so -- I get confused. Do you need a motion from my first?

>> Mayor Adler: Why don't you make the motion.

>> Kitchen: I move passage of item number 8 with the amendment THA I have.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Kitchen: Shall I lay out the amendment?

>> Mayor Adler: Hang on one second. Is there -- councilmember Tchekimoves passage of item number 8 with the amendment the sheet has passed out.

Kitchen motion sheet. >> Pool: Mayor, I'll second it a --

>> Mayor Adler: There's a second from councilmr pool.

>> Pool: I had a small amendment which --

>> Kitch I'm: Incorporating that.

>> Mayor Adler: We'll get there in a second. We have some people that have signed up to speak on this, but before we do that, councilmember Kitchen if you want to add to that.

>> Kitchen: I passed out amendment that I will read the language that councilmember pool suggested which I think is great language to add.

[10:26:55 AM]

And it really aligns with our attempt, but it makes it more clear so what the amendment does, and we have it up here, but I want to give little more detail for those folks that are here listening so they'll understand exactly what it says so basically what it says is that the city council approves location of the Daugherty arts center on Butler shores. The council authorizes the city manager to proceed with design subject to the restrictions included in this amendment. And to return to council for approval after schematic design phase and prior to construction. Design for redevelopment of the area at the Toomey road/riverside road are shall include the following options. So what that means is that says we are saying to staff go forward with the design at the Butler shores location, but bring it back to the council after the schematic design

phase is finished and that means prior to construction. And then I have a list of items that -- to -- that must be included in that design. And those include the planning commission recommendations, which relate to parking and transportation demand management and strategy. The design commission recommendations that relate to a number of items including access from west Riverside driver, integration of the public parking structure, a number of other items throughout the area. And then I have additional direction related to analysis of the parking structure and those are designed to address the concerns that have been raised about additional traffic on Toomey, which is what we want to avoid. So I'm suggesting that we consider and as part of the design phase we analyze moving the existing main office building to another location which would allow for adjustments to the location of the building and parking structure to reduce the impact of traffic on Toomey.

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Another alternative to consider as part of design or analyze as -- it's not consider, this is to analyze as part of design, is the opportunities to incorporate the P office building into the parking structure. Again, both of those are for the purpose of reducing the impact of traffic on Toomey road. Also options for locating the parking structure completely away from Toomey road and other kinds of things like combining it with the existing Scott theater surface parking or other parking structures in the area. And then finally, creation an advisory group consisting of neighbors living along Toomey road, parking users and other community members to provide feedback during the design phase. So these instructions -- particularly I also want to emphasize the planning commission recommendations which I glossed over, but they were very specific about looking at parking and transportation demand management strategy. They were also specific to look at ways to reduce parking to get more to our goals as a city that we've recently been talking about, which is to reduce parking demand and also to take advantage of transit and other kind of opportunities. So again, I'm bringing this forward because I think we've -- I really appreciate the discussion with staff so far. It's been very productive. And I think now as we get into the design phase we have the opportunity to really dig deeper on what can be done to address the concerns about traffic on Toomey road. We have something like a thousand residents living on Toomey road. They already experience significant traffic issues related to the use of the park, particularly during events like ACL. So we just need to be mindful of what is happening in that whole area with regard to traffic and parking. So this will give us an opportunity to dig deeper and analyzing what the options are as part of design and to bring that back to council to consider prior to moving forward with -- right after schematic design phase.

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And thank you, councilmember pool, for that clarification, and prior to construction.

>> Mayor Adler: I have a lot of questions about this site as well as initiating the design process. I'm going to let councilmember Tovo go first, speak first. >>O: I have several questions for the for- you, councilmember Kitchen, but also for the staff. And I guess my main question is I would like staff to

address the issue we talked about Tuesday, which is, you know, I'm concerned that if this came back to us -- I do not as I mentioned Tuesday, I think we need to proceed with this project. It's been a long time on hold and it needs to move forward. And we begin to lose trust with the public when we ask them repeatedly to provide funds for the renovation of a facility and then we're waiting and waiting and it still hasn't happened and I think this is a real need. So I don't want to slow it down. I understand that's not your intent either, councilmember Kitchen, but I am concerned that when this comes back to us after we've spent the money doing the work now if they say, for example, there is no option for locating the parking structure away from Toomey road, are we still committed to that site? I mean, I want to be today if we initiate this that we are committed to that site and going to work with that site regardless of what comes back to us with design. Otherwise I think we've invested money I don't think we should be investing. I am comfortable with the site. I appreciate the analysis of these options, but for me I do feel like we need to make a decision today that we're moving forward with this site or not. I don't want to move forward with this site and the initial investment and then have us shift gears. I also -- I heard in your description the language here says design for redevelopment shall include analysis, but then you said you wanted to see these items included?

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And I do have some concerns about some of these recommendations from the planning commission. I think charging -- for example, charging individuals for parking. I understand is part of a strategy to discourage people from driving, but there is a lot of families with kids who are taking their children to that site for after school programs, for camp, for the programs that will go on at the parking lot in a car. And certainly as we scale up to having a more active transportation system, that will be true. But so -- and I don't like the idea of charging parking for users of our city facilities. It puts a real undue burden on -- it discourages people from participating in these kinds of programs. That is something I would have a real hard time with making a mandate. It's fine if they analyze it, but I think -- I'm just not on board with that. So that's my initial question about that. And if we could have staff come up and talk about what the impact of this would be in light of the concerns they raised. What the impacts would be in light of the concerns they raised and is this then -- part is a question for you. Is this -- what happens if these come back and they're not favorably resolved. Are they still under your amendment?

>> Kitchen: Could I respond to that --

>> Mayor Adler: Not yet because I haven't had a chance to speak at all yet. I have some questions also for staff and I don't know whether to have those before staff comes up or if you want staff to respond to those questions --

>> Tovo: [Inaudible - no mic].

>> Mayor Adler: To lay out the bigger picture on the issue. I'm real confused and I think it goes back to? Of the questions raised during work session is what is it exactly what we're doing here? What's noticed on the agenda is to pick this site and I understand that question. Do we want to pick that --.

[10:35:22 AM]

Then there are other questions being asked with respect to design elements and what we want included in the design or not included in the design, and I didn't see that as being what today's discussion was and it seems to be that there are probably lots of people out there and maybe other places that actually want to have conversations about the design elements. With respect to the use of this site, there's probably not a building -- now that we've moved forward on the courthouse, in the city that needs to be moved on more than the Daugherty arts center. It's literally falling apart. And we need to fix that and plan that. And I know that there have been a lot of conversations and community engagement about alternate locations and it is a beautiful and wonderful site. And it will probably make a great location for it. And might be the best site but an intervening thing happened with respect to the school district since some of the work was done last summer and we know that the school district has announced that in August they're going to identify whether or not there are sites -- staff is going to recommend be closed in August and if they recommend sites that are going to be closed in August this council has already passed a resolution that says if any site is going to be closed let's come forward with alternate uses of those sites. One because it would help us meet community goals if we're identifying uses, but also because I think THA could have a significant impact on the conversation that the community has about whether or not to close any school sites because I think alternate uses would be part of that. And I know from talking to the school district that there were some conversations with them in February, but what was presented to them was that the school district wasn't going to be able to identify even suggestions for possible school closures until August and that was beyond the time frame that our staff was comfortable with with respect to picking a location.

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We're here now in May and we're going to have school locations potentially identified in August. And I'm uncomfortable for me picking a site now with that happening in August, and if we pick a site today, you know, I -- I would anticipate at least the possibility that I could be coming back in August and saying, we have a neighborhood that's going to lose a school. We don't have a good use for it. This would be a wonderful thing to put in a neighborhood. So I have that issue with respect to the schools and the timing as well as the design question and how this is noticed as an agenda item today. So I'd like staff to address those kinds of things too. Anybody else have anything else they want staff to identify? And then we'll bring staff up. Yes, Mr. Flannigan.

>> Flannigan: I have some thoughts about what councilmember Tovo said. I understand folks feel like they need to drive, but the parking isn't free to build and my concern is, you know, if we're in parking for a very specific type of user, then are we -- would we be open to or would it be possible to say the parking is free for anyone not single occupancy in the vehicle? Is it possible to say that this is really for -- the parking has a fee if you're alone, but if you bring multiple people in your vehicle then the parking might be free? And being more creative about how we do that. And if what we're saying is that our city facilities, certain types of city facilities need different levels of parking, then it opens a lot of questions



for me about how close or far away from transit service the facilities need to be. So if this is the type of facility that we think is going to necessarily drive drive -- have a lot of driving users, then maybe we shouldn't build it on some of our most active transportation corridors. We should build it off to the side. WHE frankly it would be cheaper and would allow us to build the parking in a different way as opposed to a site like this, which one would reasonably expect would be more dense and would have more transit service. And I think these are obviously big questions.

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We were asking about a lot of different things and I don't want to turn this into a bigger question just about Daugherty, but I share the mayor's concern about site. I'm going to be voting no on this, not that I don't want it to move forward, but I don't think all the questions have been answered to confidently pick this site.

>> Renteria: And I have a lot of concerns because you were just mentioning about moving the parks headquarters from that location. And that's going to create another added expense. And I don't know if the staff has ever looked into closing that or moving it to her location. Do y'all have another location already set sight? I would like to know that.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember kitchen and then we'll bring up staff.

>> Kitchen: Okay. A couple of things. Mayor, you know, I wouldn't have an issue if you wanted to postpone this to August, given that it's coming soon. I share the concern that others have raised that it's important to move forward with the park soon, but you're not talking about a lot of time. So that would be fine with that. With regard to councilmember Tovo's question, perhaps I misspoke. I meant the language that was here, which is analysis of the following options. With that said, from my perspective if this remains at Butler Shores, this is -- has the potential to have a huge impact on the parking and we have -- on the traffic in that area, which impacts the residents, it also impacts the people using Zilker park. And we haven't sufficiently analyzed it yet. So I would expect something to come back. These are just suggestions, at something would come back that would allow for reducing the impact. Around I think that's really important. If nothing else, we should be talking about entering the park from Riverside and not from Toomey. And then finally the charge for parking. You know, the thing about this structure is being considered as available for more than just people that are using the park.

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So perhaps something that could be added along the line of what councilmember Flannigan said. I hear your concerns, but we need to consider the kinds of things that the planning commission has recommended.

>> Mayor Adler: Yes, councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: It sounds like we have a bigger topic to have there, today is the right day to pick the location or whether we delay it. And you know, I'm very comfortable moving forward today and would support it as it really is in bad shape and needs to happen and we've been telling the voters again and again that we intend to do it. Having the conversation about parking, I hope that we can really spend some time thinking about the impact of the users if we have no parking that is free. I mean, at least you have to have dropoff spots if you're asking people to bring their children there for a camp when they have to get to work in another part of town. It's just not reasonable to have a public facility that is functioning for so many people where you have no ability to access it without paying for parking or taking public transit, especially if we are -- especially at the particular stage we are right now with connectedness in this city. So that's a longer conversation and we can have that at some other point, but I hope we'll do it in a data driven way for example look at where people are coming from and what they're doing next and the kind of people who are using it and how they're using it. I mean, again, having used the facility, I understand how people are using it. They're picking up -- they're leaving work, picking up their kids after school, driving them to the facility. Sometimes they're going back to work. Those are real challenges if you are depending on public transportation at this state of public transportation in our city. So yes, again, I think we can handle that another time. I mean, may what is your suggestion that we would postpone this until August?

>> Mayor Adler: That would be my suggestion only because it might give us more time to more orderly address the issues that are being raised here.

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Even if we were going to go on this site, you know, we've all heard, I think in bits and pieces, that there's potential for a big development that's going to go on like the Schlotsky's location. Maybe there's some kind of shared parking thing to do that, would use parking during the daytime, wouldn't use parking at night. So we might be able to focus on just having people dropped off and move people in and out. But that might be something to take a look at. I just don't know. And I was hoping to hear from staff as to what that kind of three-month delay would mean. I'm just -- it just -- as I heard the debate on Tuesday and hear the question, it seems that there are a lot of questions that might be good for us to knock out now even if we pick this site.

>> Tovo: Okay. I will note that at least one of the nearby schools was among the facilities they considered. It was in our backup, Dawson elementary.

>> Mayor Adler: But I also heard from some people who participated in that conversation that some of the limitations associated with being able to investigate that site had to do with the timing issue and also the uncertainty with the school districts to whether they want to open up the entire school or just part of the school because -- and in fairness to everybody involved in the process, the district was not ready to commit or was even in an ability to engage meaningfully in that conversation. But my understanding is that in August they would be. Mayor pro tem.

>> Garza: I just had some questions if we're punting this to August, obviously that slows down the progress of this being built. So if the alternative is to pass the -- as amended -- I think it passes with

councilmember kitchen's amendments, would that slow down T process compared to if we passed it as staff has recommended it?

>> Mayor Adler: I think you have a whole bunch of questions to respond to.

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[Laughter]. You can give us your thoughts. I can't hear you. Is the mic on. I'm sorry, councilmember harper-madison.

>> Harper-madison: An additional question I have around this same sort of subject matter is if we charge for people taking public transportation, I don't see the rationale hind subsidizing car using so that's another question I have there.

>> Okay. You hear me? I'm Leeann in a, assistant director for the parks and recreation department. So with regards to a number of issues with regard to parking, traffic and the impact that it will have on the neighborhood are engaging and we are already collaborating with the Austin transportation department have a more specific analysis. We have already some preliminary data, although that particular site and the use does not trigger a traffic impact analysis. We have already incorporated the use as part of the Schlotsky's site. And we will continue to do that. There will be -- we will probably try to evaluate whether we can have one parking structure in possibly the Schlotsky's site if it works so that will manage to alleviate of the focus and the burden on the Daugherty arts center site. But all of these are at this point it's the next step for us. So we have to go into design, 2015 hire a consultant to be able to figure out what is the best approach, and again it's not going to happen with the parks department alone. We're going to have a consulting team and Austin transportation is going to be working with us. Even the fees are a bigger discussion, and I hear both sides.

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I can say that from the public pulse, when there is a meter we have an option, if someone has already pass, they don't have to pay. So something similar could or could not happen on this side. We can again reach out and figure out what is the solution that makes more sense for the city, the department and the users for the park. I think there was a question about this site and why this site. As part of that first analysis, which lasted for more than a year, we went out to the community with several surveys to identify where is the area where they -- it would be more convenient and best for everyone to have the Daugherty arts center. We also know where they're coming from, so the decision, we doesn't zero in on that site without having a larger set of data guiding us to this site. What were the other questions? With the schedule. It probably slow it down and we understand that there are additional questions that we need to analyze and answer. Some of these are not as easy to answer, especially because there is no budget and we don't have concrete plans to move the headquarters from where it is now to a different location. However, I have to say that asking to come back in schematic design, it is early in the process. We can

have this analysis with our consultants and it is definitely a step in the right direction. We would not want to go all the way through the end of design coming with multiple scenarios, spending really hundreds of thousands of dollars before we can have the go ahead.

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>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember kitchen.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. So coming back after schematic design can you help menderstand how that would slow down the process?

>> Usually at the end schematic design we immediately give the go ahead to the consultants to move to design development.

>> Okay.

>> Just the process of coming back to council will have some implications. I assume we will get feedback that will also need to continue to evaluate. The additional item will be the analysis of multiple scenarios which we didn't have in our plan so far, so the option for the headquarters to move, stay, be incident gated was -- integrated was not anything that we have looked at so far.

>> Kitchen: So a couple of things. The option to move is something that we -- I have talked with pard office. It's not new. It's not a new idea. It's something that has been discuss if the staff that doesn't work that's fine, that's off the table. But it's something that you and discussed and I also discussed with the previous pard director. And I know that there were estions asked by staff about the potential to move it, so that is not -- I did not come up with that O my own. The other thing is the -- so I understand what you're saying, which is basically yes, it would take -- Y would have to complete the schematic design, you would have to put it on ourgenda and have a conversation with council. So that could slow it down by a couple of months. Depending on how fas that happens. But that is so important that we address -- so that is true, but I also hear you saying that there are some other analysis that perha was not being planned to be done which could make the schematic design longer.

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Did I hear that right or or no?

>> Right. Because now we have additional options to evaluate.

>> Okay. All right. Well, I understand that. But my thinking is it's not a huge amount of additional time. I also think it's really -- these are really importantestiqus for this area of town, and it is prudent for the council worki with you ys to take that extra amount of time. We're notven talking about -- we're not talking about years. We're talkingbout a a number of month. And so I think it's appropriate to ask these

kind questions and to ask for this additional amount of design and ask for T council to have the opportunity to -- to provide -- to weigh in again when we see the schematic design.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: So what would you estimate, and I know we're just asking you to provide an estimate here on the spot having no added additional elements, but do you have a sense of what the schematic design investment will be or what the investment the city would be making from today until when this would come back under the amendments that are being contemplated?

>> In terms of time?

>> Tovo: Money. Money and time. That would be good to know.

>> I think that we will make every effort to be back within probably a little bit over a year. The two options. And that means that we will have to really run as hard as we can to get there. With the additional scope of the options, it's probably going to be -- -- the schematic design, and Kevin Johnson is the --

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>> Tovo: Before you get to that can you tell us what the timeline would be without the amendments? When would you have anticipated being done with schematic design without expanding the scope?

>> We had identified roughly an 18 month phase to get through another round of community engagement, design and boards and commissions. So that would start within six months after approval. Today if that were to happen, which is the period of time that we anticipate approving an RFQ and getting a design consultant on board.

>> Tovo: So how much time are we adding by expanding the scope with these amendments? >> It's hard to say exactly. I'd estimate perhaps three to four months. I will add that as part of our design process it's typical that we would again go through the boards and commissions stages and would commit to going back to the works and commission that we've done, the various commissions. Some of the presentations are a requirement of getting a building permit or a site development permit so approval from those boards is a natural step in our process.

>> Tovo: Thanks. And do you have a sense of how much -- how much we would be spending on this phase?

>> Well, the bond item that was approved was a 25-million-dollar project budget and there is another dose of funding remaining from the 2012. So in total we have roughly a 28-million-dollar project budget. That could put construction on the order of about 20 million. Design fees are typically about 12% of a construction budget so we're talking a total design consultant fee of likely on the order of two million dollars.

>> Tovo: I guess what I'm trying to see is if we move forward today and the design elements come back to us and there's a change of heart at council once they see the design, how much will we have invested by that point? >> Right.

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And that schematic design is roughly a 30% completion point --

>> Tovo: 30% of 12%?

>> Yeah.

>> Tovo: Thank you. And councilmember kitchen, my question to you, iust want to get a sense of with ur amendments do you see this as -- when this comes back do you see the council as having an option to make a different decision about a site or are these intended -- or are your amendments just intended to review the design with a base assumption that it would cont touee on that site.

>> Kitchen: My intention is to address the concerns of the neighbors in the area, which is the impact of - - notust jhe neighbors, but people that E this area, and there's a lot of people that use this area. So it'sy intent and I am optimistic that we can find a solution for T traffic issues. Tovo so -- okay. That doesn't tell me whether today we would be taking a final vote in your opinion on that location.

>> Kitchen: Well, you're asking me an impossible question. What I have said is that these issues need to be addressed for this area of town. If something comes back and says it's impossible to address em and there's going to be a huge impact, then I am going to have to say that I personally cannot support it. I am much more optimistic than that and that's why I am suggesting these kinds of changes along with whathe planning commission and the design commission said, but I can't give you a commitment today.

>> Tovo: Okay. No, I really wasn't asking for a personal commitment. I'm just trying to understand wt it is we would be voting on today and how much money we would potentially be putting at risk of that pject by moving forward with design on a site where there are some concerns.

>> Kitchen:ell, there's no way to answer the concerns without going to schematic design.

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That's my understanding. Because we've been talking about these same concerns for over a year and my understanding is that we haven't been able to address them yet. I think it takes the next phase in order to --

>> Tovo: Okay. That makes sense. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Yes. Councilmember Ellis.

>> Ellis: Can you give me an estimate of how many people utilize the Daugherty arts center and how many parking spots might be planned for? And do you see that number staying the same or increasing if there's a new facility H E?>> So the current parking spaces are about 85 and the new building is going to -- which is larger in square footage, significantly larger. It's going to have close T 200 spaces, and that

accounts for some of the spaces that are being eliminated from street parking in that area. As far as the Dougherty, we always say this is a building and program that is very successful and we always have wait lists for parents who cannot really register their kids for the programs. For numbers --.

>> Lucas Massey, assistant director. I don't have a uni number but we have over 400,000 enrollments at THA site annually.

>> Poor, a quick question?

>> May Adler: Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: Because I know that folks are focusing on parking and potentially thinking there may be ways to minimize the parking and have people come to this site where it is on different modes, but I also recognize we're not only talking about moms bringing their kids to -- to the dac for a class or to go to a play, they are also talking about the scene construction and the teachers and they have art supplies.

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We really need to recognize that there are a lot of different individual circumstances of all the people who come to Dougherty and we can't close down their ability to make use of this location in order to promote another policy that the city may have on plate. We need to try -- it's a bigger challenge, right, to try to do both things, but think that when we get the planning back, we will have taken into account not just the kids who may be coming and being dropped off or their parents staying, but also all of the instructors and teachers who may be coming there and have a variety of materials that they need to bring. Am I kind of on the right -- the right target there with regard to how different people are using the dac?

>> Yes.

>> You are. And with the variety of programming that takes place there, there is a need for pickup and dropoff parking, as councilmember mentioned. So some access to the entry of that building, you know, from a -- from a surface drive is essential for it to function as well.

>> Pool: Thanks very much.

>> Mayor Adler: I have one last question. I'm comfortable that if this were the site that we intended to use, it's parkland, it's a community space, it's a prime signature location, it's a beautiful place, that we can make it work the best it could possibly work if we used this. And we would try to accommodate all the interests, but ultimately what would drive that decision for me is this location, this place as a citywide resource. My hesitancy and my one is trying to figure out if it turns out that there's really good school site that's available in August that wasn't available or presented for consideration, where would we be then.

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We were to adopt this today, how much would we have spent by the end of August. In other words, if at that point we looked up and said, wait a second this would be a really good place to put it, how much would we have spent then?

>> Very little, I would say. Until the time because we would still be going through the RFP process to engage with -- to hire the consultants. I would also just say that we are here in March because we were hoping that we would be able to have more information from AISD by this time. Hopefully we can have something by August, but at the time if we know that a school is available in the appropriate location, then we will have to take some extra time, of course, to figure out whether it is really a physical location.

>> Mayor Adler: And understand that. Let's hear from the public, people who have signed up. Mayor pro tem and then will go to the public.

>> Garza: Staff, I'm sorry. I'm just trying to understand the options here and I'm very interested to hear what people have to say as well. But so the August -- the August date is because of a possible answer from AISD. And so what -- is what you're saying, if we pass it as staff has it on the agenda, we can still wait till August to have that conversation. Is that right? With AISD.

>> If you gives that direction.

>> Garza: Okay. But if -- if we pass it as councilmember Kit has amended, that would require additional analysis that could take us past August, it could include the discussion about AISD, but there -- there will have been things set in motion that could prolong the process is that -- am I understanding that all right?

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>> We could put both things there. We will get direction from council. So the AISD conversation can happen probably sometime in the fall. If we are to proceed with schematic design and the additional scenarios to be explored, then that will just add a bit of time and probably a little bit of a budget burden to figure out at -- before we come back with the schematic design.

>> Garza: Thanks.

>> Could I add one consideration for the school sites? The Dougherty arts center with its diversity of programming does have specific architectural needs for functions like a theater and gallery, which is required to be built for certain standards for the artwork to be displayed. It has operated out of a site that architecturally has not really fulfilled its mission in the last few years and so that could be a consideration for moving forward as well. >> And if I may add one last thing regarding the AISD, we value that partnership and we know this is not the only and the last project THA we could partner with them. Actually as part of our long-range plan, which is now in progress, one of the pieces that we are adding is in all CAS in future development to evaluate AISD potential sites for possible partnerships and collaboration.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's go ahead and -- we have nine people that have signed up. We want to hear from them and then come back up to the dais? Let's do that. Nina Heller. Is Ginn Neal here? And then you have donated time from Kristen McCall? Is she here? What about Keith Shumacher.



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So you'll have five minutes in a second, but first Ms. Heller.

>> Good morning. I've been an Austin resident for over 32 years and I live along toomy and I'm going to be one of the residents and I just want you all to be aware of actually what currently exists in our area. And I would also invite any one of you to stay at my house during the week and try to get to work from what is our current traffic situation. So I have two concerns. One, as an austinite and we are recycling city that we should be recyccli buildings and concrete that currently exist rather than taking awa pay it is a travesty and one that every growing city goes back and has to actually use fuing to re-create the grown space. That's my -- green on space. The second point, what you want to accomplish at the C, the dropoff and pickup for Ady that had students at the school there, that was their number one problem is the parents cannot get there to drop off D pick up their children because of tfficra they couldn't be there on time. Teachers can give you that information that that was constant. That it is always a constant. The idea of having more activities there is great, but you will also understand kite festival, a, all of these the things they have shuttles that shuttle into the area because brigin parking and parking garages in that area goesgastin everything you are promoting about density. They can't get out of there. We can tell you, you can stand O my balcony and wa lth, takes two hours for people to leave events that are in that area that are parked there. Toomy road is a residence that you created by having density plans. The result of that is that it would be appreciated if people actuayll took into consideration that spot has an historical bridge, small bridge on Barton springs, very little accessor cars and every resident at Barton place can tell you along with the other 1500 residents that are on that street, we all create ways of getting around so we don't have to get in the car during those time periods that are absolutely difficult.

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And anybody that commutes on Lamar would tell you the same thing. Again, I just -- my belief is that there are lots of cycle spaces that we could be using as a green city rather than taking parkland. I think W will regret it and have to buy all kinds of things back in the future. And two, absolutely an honest thing for those of you that do not believe that parking -- the idea whether or not to charge it is rather absurd at this point. The really is can you -- reality is can you eve get there to park, to drop people off. Come over, I'll have a party, you can spend the day there, you can stay at my house, you can try to drive in our situation. Every other person that might be here to speak can tell you the same thing. It's not a take-away because people chose this site because it's beautiful. It is beautiful, about out the reality it won't function if way you need to for after-school programs. It just won't work.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. And sir, before you start, is lucky lemew here? Okay. You will be coming up next. You will have three min to speak. You have he may have minutes.

>> Good morning, mayor, councilmembers, again Glenn Neal and treasurer of the -- I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you and offer comments on the proposedelocation of the Dougherty art

center to Butler Shores Park. Let me start by thanking Councilmember Kit, her staff and the Parks and Recreation Department for meeting with residents of Barton Place and proactively engaging us in a constructive conversation about this project. We appreciate the partnership and we hope it continues as we move forward. We are also pleased about the amendment and appreciate the amendments that Councilmember Kitchen has offered to include a parking in demand traffic study, reexamining the location of parking on site, which obviously we've been discussing this morning, and possibly relocating the Parks and Recreation Department to reorient the area more toward the river side of the site.

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Barton Place is a 270-unit, 500-resident condominium complex directly across from Butler Shores Park and fronting Toomy Road. Our community along with residents of the Coleman, the Congrove Park, Coldwater and Zilker on the park condos represent between 1,000 and 1500 residents living along Toomy Road corridor. Barton Place residents are not unified, as you heard from Ms. Rowan, in their position on the DAC relocation. Some are adamantly opposed to construction in our public parks, others are supportive of an emerging arts district in our neighborhood if done thoughtfully and with ample opportunity for our input. Where we do have consensus is regarding parking and traffic. Without exception, Barton Place residents are very concerned about increased traffic and gridlock in the area, which is already a very busy location. What seems clear to us is that Toomy Road should not be considered the main entrance to or exit from the Dougherty Art Center or the Zach Scott Theater. Riverside Drive terminating at the parking lot of the Parks and Rec Department is a far better location for a parking garage if there is one and pick up and dropoff zones. Toomy Road is not ideal. Toomy Road is not like roads off South Congress and First Street that are continuing trying to mitigate parking challenges brought about by commercial activity or special events. The road is narrow, busy, and effectively one lane depending on the time of day and local activities. And while there's a small private school, a restaurant, Casa de Luce and a few administrative offices we consider the road primarily residential and would ask that it be considered such for this project.

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Our request to locate parking and dropoff points on Riverside would also benefit DAC and Zach users since even today traffic on Toomy backs up at events at Zilker Park such as ACL. In addition, moving vans, garbage trucks, parcel delivery trucks and other service vehicles continually make their way up and down Toomy Road, which would not be conducive to accessing the facilities. We noted in the conceptual documents that the design returns one of the old ballfields to open green space. We welcome this. Barton Place residents have expressed concern that open space be available for purposes that -- other than cultural arts programming. Today the 3.3 acres of open space at William Butler Shores is used to walk dogs, host birthday parties, toss frisbees and enjoy nature. We urge Council to retain these uses for the neighbors who use this park every day. Also noted is the removal of many trees in the park to accommodate the new DAC facility and parking garage. The project review application indicates that all heritage trees will be preserved. We encourage the Council to save as many large trees in the park as

possible given the sight constraints. Among the potential benefits of butler shores for D ac cited is the opportunity to enhance toomy road streetscape. Barton place would like council to consider removing utility poles and routing cables underground during construction to the extent feasible and not cost prohibitive. In closing, Barton pla residents while not unanimously support of this proposed relocation-

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-- Appreciate the opportunity to even Nigeria in the planning.

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-- Engage.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. The next speaker that we have after Ms. Lemew is herb Parmer. You will have three minutes.

>> Good morning, council. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning. My name is lucky lemew and for thoseho W haven't met me, I am the president of the friends of though dty art center. I've been in that capacity ten years now. An ide been involved with the art center ever since my son went to preschool. 'She now a teenager. And I've been involved in this process, healyvi the past ten years. And I'm here respectfully today to ask that we move the process forward at the approval of the proposed ughedoy art center redevelopment site. That is what we are here to do to pick the site to me forward to next phase. I have been participating in more meetings the last ten years, assessments, communityagemngt meetings, all of the planning commission, the design commission, the arts commission, I was at all those meetings and so were the friends of the Dougherty art center. And all -- there were many suggestions about traffic and location and they were heard and I think that definitely needs to be considered. I understand that and I agree. I think that though at this time this juncture, it's a itical time to move forward in the process and selecting thee.it there's no doubt everybody finds the Dougherty has huge value, it's clear it's the only affordable, accessible arts program, community arts program for all austinites regardless of age. The demand for service as we heard about that later wait lists, its need the clear. There's a gallery, there's a theater, there's adult programmingor adult classes, children's programming, it's -- there's a huge demand and there's no doubt, as councilmember tovo, everybody knows this is a long time coming.

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There's been money,he T community wants this to happen so we're trying to move forward. I don't want to beat the dead horse, I just want this to move forwa.rd by participating in all this for the las ten years, I'm listening to what I've heard this morning, thattiple sites have been considered in the past. Aisd sites, co-locating, other partnerships have been considered. There was discussion long before Barton place was built where the Dougherty needed to be rebuilt and one of the key tenants have come up from all the community is it needs to stay centrally located. It serves all tenouncil districts and that's what the

community heard loud and clear and that is one of the primary reasons the site was chosen. I understand tomy road has residences, it's also commercial so there is parkland. I think the site is a great choice. It's already parkland. It dovetails nicely with what the mission of the Dougherty is and it's difficult to take the arts center, this is something I wanted to communicate after hearing the concerns, but the point of its difficult retro art space, a gallery, a theater and all these school programs --

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-- Into an old building. So I'm just here to support that we move forward with the next process and go ahead and approve.

>> Mor Adler: Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: I Rodney narin here?

>> Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Why don't you come on down. You are donating your time. Mr. Farmer, you will have five minutes. Is alicia bone here?

>> Herb Parmer, resident at Barton place. It's good to be with you councilmembers and mayor Adler. Anticipating the -- what would be proposed today for the city council that the Dougherty arts center would be relocated to Barton shores park, there's been a lot of neighborhood input about that.

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Councilmember Kchen, thank you so much that you have spent time to listen and I appreciate the amendments presented today. That helps us as residents know we've been heard and that the council would consider as it says yes, moving forward with this, that these are some things to move forward with. These are the concerns of the residents of this community. I just want to address three different things related to those amendments. But first of all is that we have neighborhood involvement. Practice that we have in our city is to have community involvement to ask people throughout the city to be part of a conversation that is fit for us as a city, but there's some of us who live here in this neighborhood and we would welcome to be partner understand the conversation about not what only best for creating a state-of-the-art facility, but will it work for us in the neighborhood. We want to be part of that conversation. If you would move forward with this. The second issue is traffic, as you've heard. I don't want to go into a lot of detail about that, but I do think that there needs to be a comprehensive study that. There have been some related to the Schlotsky's building that will go in there, but it isn't only the one going into this area, but there are a couple other major construction projects being proposed. What is the comprehensive outlook on that, how it impacts Lamar and tomy, Barton springs and all the other streets in the area so I ask that you pick up on that as well with these amendments, that we look at what is going on in the traffic, not only what are proposing in terms of adding to this. Obviously the people who live in tomy clearly outnumber any businesses that are there.

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And it's really recent in the history of our city that we're there. As I have been to the neighborhood meetings with the Dougherty arts center, the hope to move to the Butler Shores park has been a plan of action for decades. So it's a dream of theirs and I support that dream, but a lot has changed in that neighborhood. So I hope that these folks who are part of wanting to move the Dougherty arts center to this park also realize there has been a lot of change in the neighborhood. The third thing is related to the parking. We currently have some off-street parking that benefits us because we do have parking related to Barton place. But across the street, part of the park, there's parking when we have guests. And that is so necessary. If we would plan to move forward with this proposal, that parking for the residents on the street -- or off the street -- be taken into consideration. Thank you much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Gutierrez, you'll be up next.

>> Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you about an Austin institution that has literally been a part of my life since I was a little girl. I'm a native Austin. I'm a parent to a Dougherty student. I am a neighbor to the current Dougherty arts center. And I am also a member of that for the last eight years. I wrote to each of you yesterday detailing my support for the relocation to Butler Shores. Today I want to speak as a neighbor and give you my personal experience. I've heard the traffic concerns and someone who lives about two blocks from the current Dougherty arts center, I absolutely understand where they are coming from.

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The intersection of Dougherty sits at basically my main corridor to get in and out of my neighborhood. I can tell you there's a lot of traffic problems at Dawson Springs. Many come from Auditorium Shores, Parmer, not just that, we get everything. In the eight years that I've lived in this particular location, I've never had a traffic issue related to Dougherty events or patronage. I've never even heard my neighbors complaining about traffic issues related to Dougherty arts and patronage and Bouldin is excellent complaining. So I know there are traffic studies that are essential. Even with 400,000 enrollment and only 85 spaces that it also shares with Butler Park, which is woefully underfacilitated with parking. I can tell you that because they park up my street all the way past my house every single day. I know they can come to a good solution. With the right facilities, the right studies, the right adjustments to the lights, which is one suggestion they've already made, this can be solved. That said, I definitely support this location. It is central. This belongs to the entire city. It shouldn't be buried in someone's neighborhood. It facilitates ability to partner with other major arts facilities. We are a creative hub for the country. We should have a state-of-the-art arts education facility. And an arts education district. On top of that, I love that they were actually able to find a space that also connects to nature in the way that this space does.

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And that no retrofitted school could possibly do. With the LE, the park, the trail and all the other arts facilities, it's really just a perfect marriage. I'm definitely glad and I hotha pard will do a wonderful job working with the residents --

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-- in the area to make solid solution.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Mr. Peña.

>> Yeah, mayor and councilmembers, Gus Peña. Even though I grew up on east fifthe S when I was a teacher yes, counember Flannigan I used to be attemper at ACC and Eth former Johnston high school. I share the concerns of the community, although I don't live there. But I have two cousins who live in the impacted area and a couple other ones that live in the condo/apartments. I appreciate councilmember Ann kitchen's comments because you live in the area, in the itmp area, and I appreciate the comments from everybody else so work together to get a mutual agreement that is beneficialor everybody, and when I took the kids over there, my students, they learned a lot just getting out of east Austin. Just getting out of east Austin and somewhere else other than east Austin. So hopefully you all can -- when I S you all, the common andyesidents impacted and the businesses can get together and find a mutual agreement forhis. Thank you for allowing me to spk.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. We're right back up to the dais. Further discuss? We have a motion in front of us. Discussion? Yes, councilmember tovo.

>> T I'do: Like to provide an additional amendment to this, and I've come to a level of comfort with these -- with this additional direction. If I can get this amendment, th lanisage in.

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So in fhrest part after it says the city council authorizes city manager to proceed with design, the next sentence says design for redevelopment -- sorry, the sentence before. Subject to the directions included in Thi amendment and to return to council for feedback and approval of the design prior to construction. I think that just clarifies what it is they are bringing back for council consideration. So that's my amendment. >>Terien mayor?

>> Mayor Adler: Would you read it again.

>> Tovo: The second sentence would read the city council also authorizes the city manager to proceed with design subject to the directions included in this amendment and to return to council for -- here's the part -- for feedback and approval of theesig D prior to construction. So I'm addin the language feedback andeor approval and of the design before prior.

>> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry, council -- you are adding the W feedback and -- and then for approval --

>> Tovo: Of the design.

>> Mayor Adler: Of the design.

>> Tovo: Prior to construction.

>> Mayor Adler: It's been moved. Is there a second to that amendment? Councilmember kitchen seconds that amendment. Further discussion?

>> Kitchen: Can I clarify? Because we had some other language already on that, but I think it works, right? So -- okay, so the language that councilmember tovo read out works with what councilmember pool was suggesting? Is that right?

>> Pool: I had wanted to include the original schematic design which you had already put in there and prior to construction.

>> Kitchen: May I read it now?

>> Mayor Adler: I'm looking, we have the words feedback and the words of the design.

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>> Kitchen: But that doesn't -- there was some additional language that

she's not reading there. >> Tovo: Where would I -- you're right. Because you embedded councilmember pool's into yours. Tell me where that is.

>> Mayor Adler: Am I looking at the Republican congressman -- at the wrong document?

>> Kitchen: You are looking at the right document. I did it verbally when I laid this out. I just read it with councilmember pool and councilmember tovo's --

>> Mayor Adler: Did you read other language when you laid this out that's not on the page in front of us?

>> Kitchen: I did and I said I was accepting councilmember pool's language into reading it into this. So I did read it when I laid this out.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's back up. I have a document in front of me I thought you had incorporated her language. I was working under the assumption that what was handed out -- if there are other changes, can you tell us what those were.

>> Kitchen: One thing, councilmember pool said I'm going to read it right now with councilmembers.

So it would say: And to return to council for feedback and approval after schematic design -- after the schematic design phase and prior to construction. I think that incorporates them both.

>> Pool: I think the other insert was councilmember tovo was of the design. >> Chen: I'm sorry.

>> Pool: Return to council for feedback and approval of the design --

>> Kitchen: Then after.

>> Mayor Adler: I'm still confused because -- yes, Kathy.

>> Tovo: I have a suggestion. I would end the sentence, the city council also authorizes the city manager to proceed with the design subject to the directions included in this amendment, boom.

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After the schematic design phase, the city manager will return to council for feedback. That way you can capture my amendment in total. For feedback and approval of the design prior to construction.

>> Kitchen: Okay.

>> Tovo: Does that work for you?

>> Kitchen: It does. Read it one more time.

>> Tovo: Sure. So end the sentence after amendment. And then put councilmember pool's of a the schematic design, I added phase. Comma. The city manager shall turn to council for approval. Now you pick up my feedback -- I mean my amendments, will return to council for feedback and approval of the design prior to construction. Again, just to make it clear when it's happening after the schematic design and what we're approving.

>> Mayor Adler: So I want to make sure I have the language here. What you are proposing is the city council also authorizes the city manager to proceed with design subject to the directions included in this amendment, period. And then it would say after the schematic design phase, the city manager would return to the council? Is that correct? The city manager shall return to the council for approval --

>> Feedback.

>> Mayor Adler: For feedback and approval.

>> Kitchen: Of the design.

>> Mayor Adler: Of the design prior to construction. Authorize the city manager to proceed with design subject to directions included in the amendment, period, after the schematic design phase, the city manager shall return to council for feedback and design -- feedback and approval of the design prior to construction.

>> Kitchen: Yeah.

>> Mayor Adler: Period.

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So councilmember tovo suggests that amendment. Is there any discussion? Is there anything to that amendment being added to -- Mr. Flannigan has an objection. I'm going to pick all these words as tovo amendment to the yellow sheet which is the base. Hang on one second. Councilmember tovo has moved is amendment, which is all the words we've been discussing being added. Is there a second? Councilmember kitchen seconds that. Yes, Mr. Renteria.

>> Renteria: Mayor, I'm not going to be able to support any of this. I really believe that we should be postponing this and really start looking at our schools that are going to be closed. We have a school there in Pan Am Zavala that has a theater and I know that's probably one of the schools that are probably going to close this time around. So I'm very uncomfortable to be supporting anything that -- especially any kind of amendments to this. And I wasn't going to support the resolution in the first place because I think that, you know, we should wait and postpone this until after August.

>> Mayor Adler: Further discussion on the dais? Yes, mayor pro tem.

>> Garza: So I'm confused about the very first line and then the exchange that occurred between councilmember kitchen and tovo. Because the very first line says city council approves location of the Dougherty arts center on Butler shores. And then councilmember tovo asked you, councilmember kitchen, if you were -- for the understanding of if this analysis comes back, it's important for the neighborhood to know that there was a good analysis done and there was -- and transportation got involved and we're trying to address all these concerns. But at the end of the day, I still go back to the first sentence that says we are saying right now the location will be -- for the dais will be on Butler shores.

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I'm confused if that's not what that's supposed to say.

>> Kitchen: Do you want me to respond?

>> Mayor Adler: Yes.

>> Kitchen: The question is how. So yes, at this point in time this says it should be on that location. I am optimistic that with considering these kinds of things and other things that they will consider in design, that the concerns that have been raised will be addressed. So I don't -- I don't see -- I'm not comfortable just saying flat out we approve the location and we don't get to weigh in on the options and how these concerns are addressed. So that's the reason for -- that's the reason for these recommendations. I think it's important to from my perspective, it's really important to spell out that we want the design, the schematic design phase to address these concerns. Otherwise we would just be saying yes, we want it there and we don't want any say in what the design is. And I can't do that to -- to address the neighbors' concerns. And it's not just about addressing the neighbors' concerns, it's about making this actually work in the way that we want it to work. Use what we're hearing is from people that actually live there that have a good idea of what will work and what will not. I think it's incumbent upon us to understand what comes out of the schematic design phase. And I expect that what will come out of the schematic design phase is some basis for the council to weigh in on. So that's all time talking about here. I don't know if that answers your question.

>> Garza: But by address, do you mean -- the way I read this is allowing the people with concerns to have more input into the process.

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But at the end of the day, my vote on supporting this as is is with the assumption it will be on butler shores.

>> Kitchen: And that's fine. I have that assumption also because, as I said, I'm optimistic that one of these things will work out. I can't predict because we haven't done it yet, but I'm optimistic that it will so I think I'm in the same place.

>> Garza: For example, if the existing park main office building moving to another location is not an option, that could be a reason for you to not support the current -- the location on butler shores?

>> Kitchen: Not what I am concerned about is addressing the -- the concerns that have been raised. There's a whole range of ways in which those can be addressed. These are some of the ways that I'm suggesting be analyzed, but I haven't chosen any -- there needs to be an analysis. That particular one may or may not work out. It's just one that has been talked about, so it's worth an analysis.

>> Garza: Maybe this is the last question to ask from me at least. If this passes as amended, the analysis -- it's my understanding it will prolong the process. The analysis gets done, and let's hypothetically if the analysis is we -- I'm optimistic too and, you know, we've been able to address these congestion concerns, been able to address this. We're now ready to move forward into construction on butler shores. Is that how you see this happening?

>> It could go that way. This is a signature project for the department, or the city, and it's definitely what the staff has at most in mind to create something that will be able to meet most of the demands.

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I don't know that we are going to please everybody everywhere, but within reason we will find the best balance. And we definitely are going to work with transportation for everything that we do not have the expertise and they can help us understand.

>> Garza: Okay. Thank you. If I could just comment before I think what will be a vote. I appreciate that we won't be able to please everybody because that is every single one of our votes on this council. I appreciate the invitation to come and see the situation, but every zoning case, almost every big growth situation we deal with, we could go to their house and see a traffic and congestion situation that we are not happy with, that we ourselves would probably not be happy with if we were living there. I am concerned -- you know, I think it's great to consider other locations, but I don't want this to turn into location war because I would love this center in my district I would love for them to build this across the street from me. I know there are other councilmembers on this council that would so appreciate in their district. But I also think it's important for children from my district who come from low-income families to have the ability

to come down to this beautiful area and sit on the lake and be at that trail and this is not an area that lacks parkland. If whatever happens takes up in parkland, there is significant parkland around that area. I just had a meeting yesterday with the council about the park deficits in my district where there are neighborhoods that do not have a park anywhere near them, don't have the opportunity to walk across the street. My support for this as is is with the understanding that it will be on Butler shores, with all the significant input that's been given, to allow many families in my district to get off a waitlist and be able to use this facility in such a great place in our city.

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>> Mayor Adler: Further discussion? So as I look at this, I'm comfortable with the answer that says that if we -- because I don't know what's going to happen when the school district acts in August. Mr. Renteria, I share with you the priority that I really want to make our city work with the district on school sites. But hearing if we pass this not much money is going to be invested in that issue, then for me that issue is still alive. If there's some reason to come back and propose an alternative. I don't think it necessarily follows that you use the old school building, but I think as a community we're going to be facing -- could be some real difficult issues with location. Hearing that from the school district is going to come back in August and we want to spend a little bit of money, I'm going to vote for this but, I will say that there's something that comes out of that that causes a change in thought, I would engage in that. I am concerned about giving design instructions now from the district because we aren't prepared to give design instructions from the district. I think in addition to the things that the council has put in to explore and analyze, I think -- and you mentioned some of these, but they are not in the resolution and I don't know - I don't know if those things fall off or still included. Exploring sharing parking opportunities with neighborhood development that are not in the park complex area is a little broader I think than the language you had and thank it's consistent with what you had. It was something staff said they were doing anyway. It's just not listed. So I don't want this to be, like, an exclusive list because I would like to see us still do that. Looking at revenue, finance, park, transportation demand management in the area, not just at this site. I'd also like to see a design that allows for expansion of the facility.

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Too often the city builds facilities and they don't allow for expansion and I couldn't tell whether we had built in those kinds of opportunities. I think that we need to do that in a city that's growing. Ought to be part and parcel of what we do. Then I don't know if it's a design element, but this is the kind of thing that I really think there should be significant philanthropic investment associated with. If this is happening anywhere other than the city, there would be a really large focus on that. Like to see us figure out how it is we tap into that. Recognize we have bond funding. We could save some of that or not spend some of that or use that for additional phases or whatever. I just -- that's an element that I think could really be good on a facility like this wherever it is that it gets included. I don't know I don't know whether I don't

need make an amendment to collide tho things in this or whether those things are otherwise included councilmember kitchen.

>> Kchen: I think that the -- the first one you raised about in the area is included. And that's certainly intent. If you feel like it needs to be more specific that could be done, but these are -- this is not designed to be exclusive by any means. I know that there's much more that the staff will be looking at, so, you know, so I would just offer that. In response. It's not my intent that this is inclusive, and I don expect that the -- I mean exclusive, I don't expect that the staff is taking I tht way either.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. We have the tovo amendment in front of us. Discussion on it. Mr. Flannigan, did you want to address it? Sorry, you don't need to.

>> Flannigan: Yeah. As I said I'm not terribly comfortable with much of this, and I'm also interested in things like, you know, aligned for mixeduses of theite, if we're going to tear down a pard building are we going to explore a Dec that has offices above it that then would maybe allow us to do this in a way that doesn't preclude -- that uses existing footprints of buildings that could share the drop-off area that Zach uses instead of having a drop off onomie T I'm not satisfied with the way this process hasone and in part because I know this is a facility everybody says serves the whole city but I would be surprised if there were any dict tr residents involved in any public input meetings so it falls on me in my role to represent what my district thinks and feels about these assets that they value, that they want to attend, that they want to engage with but also T we're maximizing every dollar thinking more creative about how we do things.

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It's not clear W time of day the Zach uses parking, as opposed to other uses when the Zach is more busy, less busy and it's the breaking down of silos between our bond, things I talked about Tuesday. I'm not going to property -- I'm gonna vote no inhe T end anyway.

>> Mayor Adler: The tovo amendment is in front of us. Any further discussion on that? Those in affect of the tovo amendment please raise your hand. Those oppod. Flannigan, Renteria voting no. Casar off the dais. That passes. I noticed that in this element, again, the nonexclusivity of this is really important to me. Is calls for an advisory group consistingf O people that are in that area. I think that's real important because people in the area obviously should have input, but I think that people outside of this area need to also benvolved in something that -- you know, so I wouldn't give any grr emteasis to the people that live in the area, people from other districts need to B involved. You're solving for something much greater than what is the immediate geographic issue. So make sure that that's really broad. RTR discussion on this item that's in front of us? Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kenit yes. And thank you for making thatoint. My amendment says tt.ha it says residents along tomie road, dac use and other community members. So I wld hope that that San that -- I know pardhas done a very good job of reaching out so WRE encouraging that they uento do that so that all partof the city can weigh in.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Any further discussion? Let's take a -- councilmember tovo.

>> Tovo: Couple quick things. I'm very glad to see us hopefully taking this step to move this forward. I think this is -- already serves an important function, but I think M guess is that we'll look back on this shift I the same way we do -- we can now with our central library, where, you know, we H a well-functioning central library and I certainly -- though I S through lots of presentations, never envisioned how transformative that new facility could for the central library's opens and the extent to which that new facility really began to draw people from all across the city in a way that our existing downtown central library really hadn't, so I do think this is a transformational project for E Daughtery arts center and I ability to better serve residents across the city so I'm really excited Abt that and happy to be taking this step forward.

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Just as an aside with regard to the softball fields, one of the things that's come up again and again the softball fields by ead I ho we can figure out a way when we lease spaces for periods of time to make se that space remains more flexible. And so I don't know whether it's necessary to bring direction to that -- to make that -- codify that or just to indicate since it's come up in the question and answers here that I really think we should work with those enngti our space and using it for one purpose that they be required -- that we look for ways to open that space up for other users in theme S way that we did at E park in councilmember Casar's district. So this facility is now moving actually out of my district and into another one, I think it's a good move and a transformational one.

>> Renteria: Mayor.

>> Mayor Adler: Mr. Renteria.

>> Renteria: I just wanted to mention this, that we do have land that's -- there's opportunities where it won't be at a very congested area and what I'm mentioning is a power plant, that area there is undeveloped, has nothing on there, and it's in a very beautiful location on town lake also. So, you know, I really feel like, you know, we haven't taken the opportunity to really look at all the different locations that we have. So I'm not gonna be able to support this.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Councilmembers, I handed out an amendment of the things I just read orally. Is there any objection to including those things also to be taken into account hearing none, that's added. Ready to take -- go ahead.

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Any objection? Councilmember to.

>> Tovo: No objection. I would say number 3, the mechanism by which they might have engaged philanthropic interest in capital projects seems to come up again and again and I know we have the friends of the Daughtery, which is doing that with regard to this particular facility, but just yesterday I

was having a conversation about our economic development corporation, and those are mechanisms T can do that and we've now initiated twice the creation of an economic development corporation. So I just wanted to note that I think that is a very good mechanism. Former mayor pro tem Cole had initiated the creation of one and because one hadn't happened I initiated the creation of one we still don't have one but I think we really continue to find ourselves in situations, city manager, where those would be really an ideal vehicle to help us raise money for facilities and/or programs that the city is participating in. So I hope we can move forward with that.

>> Mayor Adler: Anybody have any objection to including that amendment? No? Then that amendment is included. Take a vote on the item. Ready? Those in favor of this item please raise your hand. Those opposed. Flannidan Renteria voting no. Casar after the dais. That item pass. It's 11:53. We have two things that seem to be time sensitive. We have council [indiscernible] Bond council here who can answer the question that councilmember alter had on item number -- was it 37? You want to go ahead and ask your question of bond counsel so bond counsel can leave? Is bond counsel here?

>> Alter: So --

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you, sir.

>> Item 37 is authorizing the issuance and sale of city of Austin bunch of utility revenue bonds for the purchase of the bio mass facility. I had a question, and then also wanted to comment on the posting.

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So when we authorize the purchase it was up to 460 million. This bond issuance is for more than that amount, and there's a little bit of detail in here that it is -- the additional money is for reimbursing fees and the cost of the bond financing, et cetera, but I wanted to ask if you could please speak to that in more detail.

>> I'd be happy to. Mayor, for the council, Bob, with Norton rose full bright, bond counsel for Austin energy projects. The project cost itself is the \$460 million we discussed previously. The difference between that and the act item that you have before you for consideration is a not to exceed number that puts 47 millions as that not to exceed dollar amount. The differences between the 460 and 47 whatever that number ends up being that will be no greater than 47 will consist of underwriter's discount, payment of the underwriter's counsel fees, other legal fees, your disclosure counsel, our fees, financial advisory fees and other cost of issuance associated with the project so that's gonna bulk up the main difference and largest component of that gonna be underwriting discount that goes to the investment banking firm that's underwriting the debt.

>> Alter: Thank you. That may be a question for legal. I believe that it is our practice to simply list that we are approving issuance of X amount of dollars for bonds so that we were just issuing electric utility revenue bonds. Is it normal practice not to list what this is for beyond that?

>> Well, it's been normal practice for y'all to do a parameters ordinance, as this one is, that gives T counsel the direction to -- either in this case the city manager, cfo or treasurer to go ahead for the next

180 days from today's date to proceed with the financing, provided that the dollar amount does not exceed \$470 million, the interest rate on the bonds does not exceed 7%, and that's a pretty high comfortable number for y'all right now, I would suggest, and that the maturity date of this particular financing doesn't exceed November 15, 2031 which ties itself to the purchase agreement arrangements you currently have with that facility.

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That's typically of what you've been doing at least in my experience in recent times with T parameter cycle. It's your ability then to time the sequencing for the price based on what the market is and try to get you the best opportunity to get the best price that you can afford at that time.

>> Alter: Thank you. I think our legal department wanted to add something.

>> Belinda Weaver, interim city treasurer, our standard posting language in the not to exceed amount with additional details below the line as far as what we submit to council, yes.

>> Alter: Okay. The reason I'm raising that is I think this is the standard of practice, for variety of reasons, this is a competitive matter, et cetera, we haven't taken a vote on this matter. I think it's unfortunate the posting didn't say what this \$470 million was for, and so I would just like to see some care in the future when we're posting something of this nature that we're able to give folks full disclosure of what we are voting on. I support this purchase. I think it reduces costs for our taxpayers, but I would have been much more comfortable if this had been a little more transparent to the public what we were doing on today. I think it's been out in the press and people are aware of it and I think that the council is strongly behind the decision, but I didn't want to let this go without at least flagging that this is what we are voting on and have it go on consent seems anticlimactic for all the work that went on behind the scenes by our staff, bond counsel, by our counsel in terms of making this decision.

>> Mayor Adler: There's a couple more things I want to get done before noon. Is there a motion to approve item 37? Councilmember Tovo makes that motion, councilmember Pool seconds it.

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It should be noted that the blank in item II on section 4a fills in the 7% number that was discussed just a moment ago. With that the motion is complete. It's been moved and seconded. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Passes unanimous on the dais. Thank you very much. And, council, with that it is noon. We have one speaker that wanted to speak on -- Jennifer is here from adapt.

>> Kitchen: I was told Jennifer is here from adapt, so I Jennifer here from adapt?

>> [Off mic]

>> Kitchen: I was told she could stay only until 12:30 and that she wanted to testify. So I'm not seeing her.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. We tried. It's now noon. We're going to go then to citizen communications.

>> Kitchen: I'm sorry. May I add something, mayor? She supposed to be back this afternoon. She'll back B at 2:30 is what she told us.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's go to citizen communications. Is Travis Jones here? Travis J? What about Wendy Murphy? What about Terry Colgan? What about Erin van Landingham? ?No whatabout Katie deollos? Why don't you come on down. You have three minutes. After you is silver white mountain. Is silver white mountain here? You'll be up next. Go ahead.

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>> Mayor, council, members, my name is Katie deollos. I am an Austin resident. One year ago this week, I was riding my bike home from bike auin estnt where I was serving as interim executive director, and as I was riding Alo the semi protted bike lane on third, there was a little girl who couldn't have been more than five or 6-year-olds and hopefully we'll have her picture come up in a mobile home, riding with her father,nd I looked down her as I medicalled along aside and said isn't exciting? You get to ride your bicycle in downtown office, and of course she looked at me, like, who is this crazy later, but whatever. There she I so I just did a happy ring of the bell and pedaled on through congress, and as I could on, I ended up at that transition point where the bike lane ends and just before the trustle bridge. As I entered that zone a young man operating an SUV miakenly turned right and was trying to extricate himself byoing a 3:00 point turn and did that right into me. I ended up on my side watching that white light in refers reverse, thinking of my husband and children, bike to weeor next week, this is gonna look so bad. When the guy got out, out of the Corne of my eye I saw that little girl and dad again and I was compelled to say " gon be okay. Don't stop riding your bike. One day, one day, it Wil be safe for you and you won't have to be afraid the entire way." And if I'll go to the next slide. You all have committed to vision zero. You have committed to bringing an end to traffic violence for all road users here in Austin.

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And I request respectfullyth you take very seriously that commitment and that you make that big jump a reality. Ima a big jump. Get those bike lanes in. Make it safe for people like me, for my husband, who bike commutes 10 miles to work each way, for my children who bike commute to ACC, my son just strike ridgin along manchaca the other day and for that literal girl who wi grow up in this city, make it safe for her to ride her bike whenever she chses, without fear. I ask youo rehumanize mobility. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank youvery much. Silver white mountain, why don't you come down. Is Chester martel here? Chester martel? Okay. Yes, go ahead.



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I need this E B on record here at the local level, fore my dirty laundry goes public. My name is sver white mountain, aka Sylvia Mendoza, aliases are

[ saying names ]. M noi' the CEO of a company or served on a board. I'm not an attorney, though I was winning a case with about four attorneys about 25 years ago and they fought dirty and used the argument that was practicing law without a license though in the end said they greatly respected me. With this being said I feel th the big shots in Washington supposedly well qualified haveot done much to solve illegal immigration. I feel all across America, Americans are being left behind, senior citizens are homeless and our veterans. So I've decided to also skip the state level and run for office aeederal level and try to help solve this problem. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Chester martel her I'll read the names one name. Travis Jones, Wendy Murphy, Terry Colgan --

>> [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: Come on. >>Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Wendy Murphy. I live in district 4. I've been involved in Austin animal issues as an advocate for spay neuter since 1997. I spoke to all of you on March 7, and I'm her aga today to ask you more specifically to add performance measures to the animal services budgets. Both the general fund and the donations fund budgets that promote spay/neuter. Since the passage of the no-kill plan by Austin city council in 2010, Austin animal services' performance has been judged almost exclusively by one performance measure, that is live os.mewhile Austin's no-kill access has been an important achievement, some programs have been undermined by the sole reliance on this one performance measure.

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I propose that a key performance measure be added to T budget that says percent of allets leaving Austin animal center who are srilized. I also propose these additional subcategories of the same measure for monthly reporting purposes. 1% O adopted pets leaving Austin animal center who are sterilized. 2% of reclaimed pets leaving Austin animal center who are sterilized. And 3% of rescued or transferred pets leaving the center who are sterized. The percent of pets leave Austin animal center intt who are sterilized within 30 days of adoption, reclaim or rescue. My second request is that you please support the use of the unclaimed spay/neuter deposits exclusively for spay/neuter. When an intact pet leaves the Austin animal center the adopteor reclaimer is supposed to pay a deposit th wilat be refunded when the pet is sterilized. The directors prior to 2016 used to charge this deposit when

intactets were adopted or reclaimed. But that policy changed in 2016, and the deposit is no longer being charged for reclaimed pets and often it is being waived for adopted pets. Councilmembers, please ask the city manager to reverse the 2016 policy change that allows any dog or cat to leave the shelter intact without charging the spay/neuter deposit. Please also ask that any unclaimed spay/neuter fees be used to fund additional spay/neutervicse for low-income residents. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Terry Colgan or Erin van Landingham here? Go ahead.

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Come on up.

>> Mayor, council, good afternoon. My name is Terry Colgan. I'm a resident of district 10. I'm here to speak in support of a request made by Melissa Little, a member of our group volunteers, former volunteers shelter advocates at the January 31st city council meeting. I've recorded the list of criteria that Ms. Little requested be part of the selection process for a new chief animal services officer. It's otherwise almost the same request. This position is critical and selection is such an important issue that I think it's important turning these criteria to your attention again and ask for support from council, city manager, and assistant city manager. In recruiting a chief animal services officer, the selection process should consider each candidate's support for the following policies and processes. Number 1, establishing a process for seeking and respecting volunteer, staff and community input in setting a budget and performance measures for both the general fund budget and animal services donation fund. Number 2, ensuring all healthy pets leaving Austin Animal Center are spayed or neutered. Number 3, ensuring at least one kennel break every day for all healthy dogs at Austin Animal Center. Number 4, demonstrating a commitment to maintain a high live outcome rate for cats, without putting so many friendly adoptable cats and kittens, some as young as three months, out on the street without a caretaker. Five, promoting and expanding the diversity of the volunteer core and upper level management to include race, ethnicity, gender and neighborhood residents.

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And number 6, establishing a strong screening process for potential adopters. Thank you for your time.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Erin here? Come on up.

>> Hello. My name is Erin van Laam, and I live in district 7. My husband and I are current fosters and volunteers at Austin Animal Center and I spoke to city council last year about concern I had regarding kennel breaks at the animal shelter. I'm here to add my voice to others who have spoken about the need for kennel breaks for all healthy dogs at the shelter something that would be very helpful in getting this accomplished is if you would add a performance measure to the budget on the average number of dogs who do not get a daily kennel break. As has been previously reported to city council members about 30 to 100 dogs a day are not getting a daily break from their kennels. Although two part-time dog walkers

were hired last year, dogs are still not getting daily breaks. One reason is that one of those two dog walkers hired did not last long enough in that part-time position. As volunteers have previously brought up, the nations fund should be used to ensure that all dogs get kennel break instead of hiring two part-time employs you'd have three or four contracted dog walkers. Ne L moves another walker could pick up more hours. Last yeat ias proposed \$15,000 be set aside out of the donations fund for a three-month pilot tound getting all of the dogs walked daily and that after that \$15,000 was spent the pilot would be assessed to determine how best to proceed. We are flexible in how the dogs get kennel breaks but we believe that having more than two dog walkers with exible hours and schedules isn approach that could be successful and should be tried. We also believe that having a performance measure in the budget would help to ensure that this is a priority. Thank you for your consideration.

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>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Council, those are a the speakers we have signed up for citizen communication. It's 12:13. Do we want to try -- Adam, we don't have anything for executive seion, I don't think. So we'll just be coming back after lunch. Dont twatry and get back here at 1:30? 1:15 or 1:30? Preference? Maybe we can knock some stuff out. Let's come back at 1:15.no executive session. Executive session item that was pulled was the bond question. We asked those questions publicly. Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Just a question on the item number -- 27, I don't recall whether we had a time certain for that and I would just ask -- I don't recall if we had a time certain for that.

>> Mayor Adler: We do not.

>> Kitchen: I would just ask if it works out to allow for adapt to test -- fy think it might work out because I think that the goal was that she would be bk by 2:30, Jennifer would be back by 2:30.

>> Mayor Adler: She's coming back. Wee 19 and 20, have the most speakers signed up right now, and those people have been waiting since this morning here as well.

>> Kitchen: Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's come back here at 1:15. And there's also the housing agenda. All right, we're recessed now at 12:14. Be back in

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>> Mayor Adler: All right, colleagues, it's 1:27. We're back here on and we have a quorum present. We have twoonir mental issues that we have, about an hour and a half or more in speakers. Looks like everybody is in favor of them. I don't know that we need to have an hour and a half discussing them. I certainly want to give people a chance to speak if they want. We also have the Hou ngagenda, ich W don't think will take that long. Maybe we can let all our housing people go if they're present for that.

Have one -- it looks like one discussion item on zoning, which we can't take up until 2:00. And then we have the affordability unlock element. Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: I know for the item that I've brought, item 19 on the climate resilience plan, a number of people were here earlier today hoping to speak, but they were not able to stay. So we may want to do a bit after roll call to see who all signed up for item 19 may have had to leave. And my guess is THA those who are here, they heavy stayed and they will want to speak but I also am imagining the number would be -- imagining that the number would be significantly fewer than earlier this morning.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. How many people are here to speak on item number 17? I'm sorry, number 19 and 20. Let's go ahead and let's go through these speakers here real fast. Why don't you come on down and line up and we'll call you up to the podium. I'm going to call these two items together is Bob Hendricks here? Why don't you come down. Is Patty Stevens here?

>> [Inaudible - no mic].

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>> Mayor Adler: And then Richard, you will be up next. Dale Bueller, you will be up third and will Aubry will be up fourth. Mr. Head distribution, you first.

>> Thank you for allowing us to speak. My name is Bob Hendricks, on the Sierra Club committee and on the city and state's committees. On behalf of the Austin Sierra Club with its 5,613 members, I'm here to enthusiastically endorse -- actually both resolutions, but the resolution, the number 19 to create, quote, a comprehensive community-wide climate resilience plan that is fair, justice and equitable. As the resolution notes, climate change is here. It reared its ugly head when last year mid-winter from flooding overwhelmed our city water filtration. It reared its ugly head when onioeekcrxperienced two 100 yr floods in just over a year. A reared its ugly head in 2011 when extreme drought and heat wave with 90 ps degree days hit Austin. We know that more and more and worse will come until we restore a healthy climate. These catastrophic events affect all of Austin, but it's our most vulnerable who feel it the most. Those who don't afford to buy more bottled water, air conditioning, those who can't move out of the ever larger floodplains. The Sierra Club also talks about how the green new deal addresses the twin problems of inequity and climate change at a scale and speed that these problems desert. The Sierra Club envisions that most of the specific policies designed as part of the green new deal will be scaled up from innovative actions at local and state levels. We look forward to Austin developing such an innovative resiliency plan with input from frontline communities and look forward to helping with this process.

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Now, I had a statement for number 20 also, but if y'all would prefer, I can defer that.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> We clearly support it.

>> I'm sorry?

>> Mayor Adler: Do you want to hit the highlights? You don't have to --

>> Basically the latest data from the city shows that in 2016 the largest source of carbon pollution in Austin was electricity generation at 48% with transportation second at 36%. However, it's probably as soon as we shut down our part of the Fayette coal plant, transportation will be the source of over half of Austin's greenhouse gas emissions. And so we need to be moving the T clean energy economy and this is an outstanding step towards doing this, something that we and our grandchildren will thank us for if we indeed act quickly enough to stop climate change.

>> Thank you sir.

>> Mayor, just a point of clarification, Dr. Stevens was going to give me her time, but she's not here. Does that mean I have three minutes or 30 minutes? >>

>> Mayor Adler: You have three minutes. If the person loaning you time is not here then you have three minutes.

>> Thank you, sir. O, ladies and gentlemen, city councilmembers, mayor. My name is Richard Halpin and I am here to speak for items 19 and 20. I am an Austin city resident, have been here since 1964. Our four daughters have been born here, they're native Austinites and now of course our grandchildren are native Austinites. And I am profoundly concerned about the environment that we live in as I know all of you are it's almost like we're in a pot of water and it's boiling and we're the proverbial frogs. And until we do something about climate change, as you mentioned this morning, councilmember, and you councilmember spoke this morning, we are going to be in a world of hurt and it's going to be just a terrible, tragic time for us. So items 19 and 20 are critical steps forward.

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As a board member with climate buds and a member of the 350 Austin group, there is -- there is a legacy that you are building by getting us out of the Fayette coal plant, by doing the many things that you are doing by electrification, moving towards elimination of our transportation system. These have -- these are all important action steps that we just have to move quickly and move on and encourage more of these activities. So I know I'm taking to the choir here with you guys, and as somebody said this morning, you must make 12 cents an hour because you work so hard a so many hours a week for us. Anything and everything you can do to save the health and the liveability for the people of our community by implementing projects like these two resolutions are just going to be critical to us having a liveable Austin. With tens of thousands of people moving into our community that we are really as you know better than the rest of us, totally unprepared for. Unless we take down to root steps, radical steps, that will enable us to have a liveable city, everyone will be severely damaged by the future. So thank you

again for items 19 and items 20. And we really appreciate your leadership and hope that can you do even more, mayor, with the opportunities that we have here in Austin. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Mr. Ball E do you want to come on down?

-- Mr. Bueller, do you want to come on down? And then will Aubry, you will be up here. Al Braden is triple deck. Go ahead, sir.

>> So this is three minutes over both of the items?

>> Yes.

>> I'll try to be a little bit brief. First of all, I mentioned a couple of brief things about 19. I wanted to make you aware that this last week for the first time since 1882, the United Kingdom burned zero coal this last week.

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That is amazing and since the industrial revolution that has never happened before because of their commitment to renewable energy, the whole nation is now able to speak that way and I think it's a wonderful thing. Related to the green new deal, according to the New York Times, it will cost about two trillion dollars less to deal with mitigation than it will to adapt to climate change and those numbers I'm sure are guesstimates, but just to let you know that green new deal is not only for the environment, it's good for the economy and the new technology. Now, let me speak about item 20. I drive an electric vehicle, many of you know that. I've spoken on this issue. My number one reason for driving a vehicle is cost. As a retired teacher I look for ways to save money and driving an EV is a no brainer since the only regular maintenance is tire rotation. And since I produce more energy, electricity, than I use, thanks to my solar panels and thanks to Austin energy, I'm driving on sunshine. The second reason is that it keeps the air clean, saves money for all by keeping Texans healthier and lowering health care costs. Studies to reduce air pollution from transportation have proven to be very cost effective, about a dollar spent to reduce emissions is about nine dollars received in benefits. In Texas according to the U.S. EPA, 48% of smog forming nitrous oxides comes from cars and trucks. The rest of the world is aware of this. At present nine countries around the world are going to ban internal combustion engines and dozens of cities have banned them in their central business districts. Cap metro has committed to buying never again a diesel bus and I think that's great news. They're moving towards zero emissions for all their fleet. The least the city can do is to replace its fleet of internal combustion engines as soon as possible.

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LAPD, NYPD, Madison, Wisconsin, Salt Lake City as well as dozens of other cities have done this, not just for the environment, but they're saving millions of dollars in fuel and maintenance. Ford says that its new police interceptor at 2.50 a gallon would save about a thousand dollars a year just in fuel costs, not

just maintenance. In addition, maintenance costs should be cut nearly in half, so this is a no brainer for this council. I sent each of you an email regarding the statistics on hybrid vehicles for the city and I'll be glad to share a hard copy.

[Buzzer sounds] If you didn't get that. If you have questions I'll be glad to answer them.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Is Al Braden here. Why don't you come on down. Craig Nazer is on the deck.

>> My name is Will Aubry, I'm a retired research geologist and teacher in district 9. I want to emphasize the urgency of mitigating climate change, that what we're going to be doing in the next 10 years we should have done 40 years ago. And to understand what's happening is you have to look at the Arctic and the Arctic is warming up or heating hotter twice as fast as the rest of the planet. This April the extent of the ice in the Arctic was the lowest on record, and at the end of the Summers in last 10 years there's only been about 80%. There's only been about 20 to 25% of that left at the end of the summer. So this warming is going to -- the ice that's there most of the summer acts like an air conditioner and it's keeping the Arctic warmer than it would be otherwise. So when we do have an ice-free Arctic in the near future, the Arctic is going to warm up even faster compared to the rest of the planet. Now, that might seem bad for polar bears, but there's two basic ways that it's going to affect us.

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One is if the Arctic gets warm enough there's a lot of methane that's frozen in the Arctic and it's going to thaw out and there are gigatons of it. One of that's going to change -- within a few years that's going to change the global temperature drastically. The other one is that our climate depends on air circulation patterns, and it's basically -- circulation patterns, and the cold air sinks at the poles and it comes up at the equator where it's warm and light and where it's heavy and dense and cold it sinks at the equator. It's complicated, but that circulation, every aspect of our climate depends on that. We've heard a lot about the polar vortex and how the jet stream is changing. That's all related to circulation. And where the deserts are, they're expanding north. You know, where we have -- where the winds go, the winds control the currents and the ocean, every aspect of our climate depends on that circulation. That circulation depends on this convection and the convection depends on the difference in temperature between the equator and the pole and that's decreasing because the pole is getting warmer faster than the equator. And all this is already happening. We've heard in the news about the polar vortex and the blocking and the weird patterns that we get with the jet stream.

[Buzzer sounds] Which affects our weather systems. But what happens if that whole system collapses? And so the Arctic is -- it's already tipped. It's heading that way and we need to stop it from going completely ice-free.

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And that has to happen. We need to do a lot more than '19 and '20 to make that happen.

>> Mayor: Thank you for joining us. Is Frances Acuna here? You have time donated from Erica Reyes and Juanita Bud. Are they here? Why don't you come down. You will be number three.

>> Good afternoon, I'm Al Braden from district. I volunteer with Sierra Club, 350 Club and others. We are already in a time of climate change and have every indication that our weak global response is going to make it worse. The nation is in denial. The state of Texas doesn't seem to get the memo about climate change, and fortunately here in Austin I'm looking at a whole row of really dedicated people who are doing a lot and are doing everything we can in the city. I want to be here today to speak on both items 19 and 20. They are important critical pillars in our 20/50 climate plan. We've made a lot of effort and we continue to make effort on our energy generation, closing the coal plant and getting off carbon. The next biggest thing is transportation, and so councilmember Alter's plan on transportation is absolutely critical. Think we need to elevate that from being a concern to being a really activity program, and I think this resolution makes a big step in that direction. Councilmember Pool's resolution on resiliency is critical. We're facing these kinds of climate changes already and we need to plan ahead as best we can. I would also offer that we should reach out to our partners in sustainability as much as we can. LCRA is our partner in water, and yet they have a five-year water plan. We have a 100 year water plan. We've got to get them up to our level of planning for resiliency on what's coming our way.

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We also need to work with Cap Metro and Campo as you are. And reach out to UT for research and Dell Medical for health impacts. So there's a lot of really powerful organizations that we can also partner with that are part of this study of resiliency. So I support both of these. I don't want to take up all your time. I know you're all on the same page and I appreciate all of your efforts on this. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Craig here?

>> He had to leave.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Ms. Halpin, you will be up next go ahead. You have three minutes

>> Good afternoon. My name is Frances Acuna. I'm a resident of Dove Springs and also a community organizer with Gave and I want to thank councilmember Pool, co-sponsors Tovo, Ellis and Alter for the support. From 2011 to 2015 there was great devastation by drought, wildfires and floods and year by year it gets worse throughout Austin. But south and southeast get hit the worst. We have to understand that the impacts of storm events and patterns are increasing and they're getting worse. The city of Austin and Gave have committed to participation in the open government partnership which secures commitments around the world to increase transparency, civic participation and public accountability. One of those commitments that the city has made regards climate resiliency. We seek for your continued support of the climate resiliency commitment to address the land development infrastructure that can mitigate flooding as well as disaster preparedness coordinate emergency response efforts.



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We thank the initiative of the office of sustainability for our dove springs resilience efforts in bringing the logical departments for the statewide planning like -- citywide planning like watershed protection, park and public works. We are thankful for the grant for technology opportunity program, gtops, that addresses disaster preparedness, which will bring residents the ability to locate, interpret action information about climate and hazardous events in our community. It's been very hard for residents who have to go through all this hardships. We have seen it in bastrop with the fires. and as we keep going gets worse because now all the neighborhoods -- I mean, throughout Austin, I understand, but people that get more affected is the people that can't afford to buy everything that they need. Like they were saying before me, you know, the water, the -- everything to be able to keep your kids safe. Was able to see it with myself because I waited too long in order for me to keep nemi safe. And thank god the water didn't rise before like for something to happen to them, but --

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-- If I keep thinking, I wasn't responsible enough. And these programs would help with information.

>> Tnk you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Is Juanita Budd here? No? What about Alex Norton?

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Why don't you come down. Ms. Halpin you have three minutes.

>> Hi. Thank you all. I am Becky Halpin, very concerned about climate change. I serve on the climate buddies board as well as 350 Austin, but I would like to talk a little bit about something that this previous speaker was mentioning about resiliency and climate resiliency. And that is having somebody at the city like a climate czar, resiliency czar that thinks about that all the time to help us be a more resilient city. For example, our neighborhood was the neighborhood hit by the spears and we were there for the fire. And when a fire happens to you, you just can't think straight. The embers were flying around us. Our neighbors were hollering. We didn't know what to do first or what not to do. And if you're prepared ahead of time for a flood or a fire, then you can react in a way that's going to be more resilient and it makes the whole community more resilient. And one of the main things I learned is have phone numbers for everybody, a check on everybody. We didn't think of that. We didn't check on this one home where they weren't home, but their cats were there. And then we didn't have a phone number to call and see we could go into their house and break into their house or get into the house to get the cats. Now, the house didn't burn, but somebody else's house did burn that had dog in it for the same reason. And my point is who would think of a thing like that that a resilient city is a connected city where we're all connected to each other. And now we're putting more and more people into the city, closer together. We have more of a tendency that people who live beside each other where we don't know each other as much, I don't think. But it's a push, if the climate resilience czar said to connect to your neighbors.

because if there's an incident, a fire, a flood, you need to be able to pick up the phone call, pick up the phone and call them.

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And if they're not there maybe their pet is there, maybe they need help. Check on all of your neighbors. Make sure everybody gets out. It's something that is -- it's just one thing that somebody that just thinks about resiliould wring to the table, one thing there must be a thousand thintha somebody that works for the city on could have as their job of just thinking about critical issues that will happen to respond to all of these things, fires and floods, droughts, that are going to happen to the cy going forward. So I really endorse having a person on the staff in Austin to serve in that role. And the other thing I would say about the other item in electrification of transportation is that children that grow up in cities have the highest rates of asthma and they're getting -- it's getting worse, but they're finng that people who grow U in the country have much lower rates.

[Buzzer sounds] So if we cet rid of all the fumes in the city by electrifying transportation we'll really be helping the kids out. Thank you so much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >>I, everyone. My name is Alex. I'm a member of extinction rebellion. Thank you guys for doing is.th I don't know if I could ever become aolit pian. Most importantly I am years old and I just came here to say that I think the plan to go carbon neutral by 2050 is notnough. We need to go carbon neutral by 2025. The things that happen by 2050, nature magazine reports that all fish will be dead by 2048. Of course that won't be a problem because we will all be dead by that time. And I think it's very important that we demand a safe and just transition that prioritizes indigenous rights andfrican-american rights as we get of Y fossil fuels as we deedeconomyize our agriculture system and all investments in fossil fuels and close the fayette coal power plant.

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My mom told-- this is my last story. When I was a kid I wouldn't clean my room and my mom would yell at me and say you're not going to like it if I clean up your room because if I clean it up I'm going to throw everything away and that's what I feel it mother nature is telling us. When think of 2050 I hif myself being the double the age I am right now and I ink of all the consequences that happen and the fact that I probably won't be alive at that time. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thk you. Is Bruce nailer here?

>> He had to leave.

>> Mayor Adler: What about Ryan rusher? Come on down. What about Smitty, you will be U next after Ryan.

>> How long do I have?

>> Three minutes.

>> So my name is Ryan. I live in city council district 5, so thanks Ann for being a sponsor on 19. I guess I want to go B a second to our friend who testified and spoke a lot about the arctic ice, anybody else get like a cold like clenching hand feeling around their heart whi hearing that? Any of y'all? That's just how life feels a lot. This is a little personal, so imagine a whole city full of people who feel the cold grasping hand clenching their heart all the time. It's not going to be conducive to good results. So that was not a part of my prepared remarks which I will now start. So it's really to see you all considering supporting the tenets of the green new deal. I wanted to talk about what that means T me really briefly. So first I see environmental justice as being a big part of it. A big problem with the way we live our lives now is the environmental impacts of our lifestyle get exported other to oer countries or other parts of the city where people who are less able to protect themselves from them face those conquenses.

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So I think we need to embrace environmental justice as a par of planning for our future. Another aspect of it is regeneration. The idea that we can take an active hand in repairing the environment and making it safer and more helpful for us, I think that's something that really needs to be a part of the way that we ink. And I love the strong emphasis on labor rights, the idea that repairing the environment is R. Could be a career for a young pern who grasping hand around their heart whenever we talk About this. And really it sounds like a new way forward, a better deal for all people. And that's what we need to be looking for. And I know we also have to be practical because there's little that the city of Austin can do to repair the situation with arctic ice melt, but resilience is something that is well within the purview of the city. It's about public safety. That's the job here. Very specifically about what y'all are tasked with. So thinking about resilience, how do we protect people, how do we prevent likely outcomes that are negative, that is the job and it needs to be done. And I'm looking at y'all and I think you are all going T support this so I thank you for that. I thank you for bringing it up and thank you for giving us a chance to speak because we also like to be on the record about how we feel about certain issues. So thank you for the time and your support on it.

>> Mayor adler:ef Smitty speaks, Kerry

[indiscernible]? Smitty?

>> My names Tom Smith or Smitty and I'm now executive director of something called the Texas electric transportation resources alliance. And we're working on making sure that ev'sork and that they come as rapidly as possible. And I'm here today to talk about why we think evs are a win, win, win for the climate, low income families and also good for the grid. And I think Kerry is going to follow me onhat. When you look at low income families, they're about 30% of their income with go to graduation relatedenses.

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And you contrast that to the sort of family of moderate means or middle class, about 30% bear the burden on this. The good news is that all of about 22% of exans are poor. Consumer reports has recently found that used electric vehicles three years old, coming off a lease with about 36,000 miles on them, are about 25% less expensive than the comparable sedans that they would replace. Owning a vehicle, electric vehicle once, of the things I've been stunned at is how little money it takes to fuel the vehicle and to repair and maintain an electric vehicle. It cost me a dollar a day of electricity to go from my house in far south Austin to downtown and back again. If I drive my pickup it's close to four bucks a day for the gallon and a half of gas takes. Maintenance is just almost free. I put tires on my ev. Low income communities have been typically exposed to far higher levels of pollution from diesel buses and cars and trucks like that, and many low income families rent, over half of them rent. And land use and gentrification are moving low income people out of the communities and we've got to think of ways we can do this. We can make a difference with this. The advocacy Volkswagen settlement offers the city of Austin an opportunity to make a big first step in doing this. The VW settlement sets aside about \$31 million for putting charging stations all over the state of Texas for electric vehicles. And one of the commitments we've asked the state to make and we're asking the city to make is to assure that 25% of them go into low income communities. And to multi-family apartment complexes and to street side charging units like you see here, at public facilities.

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And to make sure that charging is available. But this is only third of the problem. The bigger problem is how do you get folks in to cars that are going to cost them about a third as much to drive as a conventional car? We're working with Austin energy and you heard they've got a grant to work on this stuff. Foundations in communities try and get chargers installed in their buildings, in many of the other low income housing.

[Buzzer sounds] Looking at best practices around the country, we'll be doing outreach to people who are affected. And we will look at car shares, short-term leases, and long-term sales contracts as a way of building a movement that will get low income people into electric vehicles to reduce their transportation burden. Thank you very much. Please any questions?

>> Mayor Adler: council member kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I'm intrigued by what you've done here in terms of some ways to work on these solutions. Is there any additional detail you'd like to add?

>> Sure. We're not alone in this. There are communities all over the United States, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, New Jersey, New York City, Santa, all interesting plans, beginning with community first, making sure we know what they want to see happen. But then beginning to look at, how do you do the financing to get these things in place? What is moving today and what's available to us today is an opportunity to make the down payment to put the charging systems in place, and then the second phase is how do we actually get people into vehicles. What we've learned is that there are three really distinct needs that people have. One is for the short-term vehicle to -- you know, if they're riding a

bus and need to be able go to a doctor or pick up groceries and get heavy stuff home, they need a short-term rental, something that will enable them to do that.

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A second type of vehicle is, say, somebody has got a job or has changed their jobs and is in a position for a couple of months they'll need a vehicle until such time as their credit gets good enough to allow them to qualify for a car. And then the third is being able to get low-cost financing to buy an electric vehicle and they can qualify for a better vehicle because the fuel and maintenance costs are about a third of what they otherwise would be, and so when you look at their budget numbers, if they've got an electric vehicle, you can loan them more money and get them into a better car that has fewer miles for about 25% less. So these are all strategies are sort of coming up to the top of the list of things that appear to be things that are working in other places. Now, we're -- as of this afternoon, last bill in the house of representatives can pass, and I'm free to start working on this part of it. I will be released once again from the Texas legislature and able to put more energy into this project, and this is something we hope to be able to explore more fully with many partners in the low-income communities, and with y'all. I'm gonna be looking for suggestions for y'all as to who in your communities we ought to be talking to about how to make this work here in Austin and make Austin a reepee city in providing transportation and electric vehicles for low-income communities.

>> Kitchen: Thank you. Thank you very much

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: After Kerry speaks is [saying name] Here? No? What about Susan Lipman? Okay. Go ahead.

>> Thank you, my name is Kerry. I'm the chairman of the electric utility commission here. Although I'm not speaking for the electric utility commission because we are not taking up this specific item. I'm here to speak on item number 20. First I want to thank Ms. Alter for soliciting input from Austin energy and several members of the electric utility commission and reviewing our comments to her resolution and incorporating some of our thoughts in her resolution.

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The thing I really want to point out -- there's two things I want to point out. One, you've heard a lot about the environmental benefits of electric transportation. But setting all that aside, this is important for the long-term financial health and efficiency of the utility itself. One of our -- you know, one of our biggest issues is we need to grow demand for electricity. We've been so good at being efficient that not withstanding all the new people who are moving to Austin, we're barely growing our load. So we're ending

up in a spot where we have many more people using more or less the same amount of electricity as we did in the past and that's an expensive proposition. It's more expensive to serve more people and more widespread community if we're charging them for the same amount of electricity that we used to. One of the best possible future increases for demand for the utility is the electrification of transportation. If we can get additional demand and especially since we think we have ways in the future to move that demand to time of the day when it would be most efficient, least costly to serve that demand, will have a positive impact on the financial condition of the utility and over the really long haul it will help us keep down electric rates because it will be the most efficient way for us to manage our generation resources. This has just very positive impacts for the utility and I want everybody to be aware of that. The most important thing, though, is we have limited levers that we can use as a city. The utility can provide electricity, put the electricity in the right places.

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The city can change some of our transportation modes, make that something to encourage the adoption of electric transportation resources, but ultimately customers have to go out, buy a car, capital metro has to buy electric buses. The community needs to adopt this and I just want to encourage all of you, as prominent members of the community.

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-- With a lot of influence to take every opportunity you have to encourage the adoption of electric transportation in Austin. If we do this in a big way, it will really, really shape our future.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

>> Any questions? Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Ms. Lipman. >> Thank you, Susan Lipman, chair of the climate action team at Well Flower Church and I've worked with a number of environmental justice organizations as well. I'm happy that these two items are before our council. I'm delighted. And I know that our 2050 net zero plan was trend setting when we adopted it, as was our goal when we set 2030 as our goal -- to be carbon-free in electric generation and helped raise the bar for other cities and I'm really proud of everybody, whoever put their energy into those things, including council members. And just for scale, you know, the science keeps coming in with analysis that we need to decarbonize much more rapidly than we previously thought. The IPCC is calling for halving global emissions by 2030, in 12 years. And then even then assumes that the future will bring some mechanism for recapturing a significant amount of carbon from the air released.

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The deal calls for carbonization by 2030. Give the amount of warning in our system, planetary damage would be -- existential threat, even calls for decarbonization by 2025 makes sense. Yes, that WOU mean treating the situation like an emergency, with a billion species already threatened with extinction and more to expect zero as the -- expected as the planet warms and as the population expands, I would say, yes, it is an emergency. MI' wearing this shirt that stands for Alex, who is 26, same age as my child that lives in Seattle is wearing one of these shirts. This symbol means we're running out of time. I seriously don't know how to reconcile this knowledge with understanding of the normal ways of going about policy change. I would ask you for studies on how to electrify our transportation time lines that include scenarios reaching the goal by 2030 and by 2025, and I thank you for thinking deeply about what the current science is actually telling us about the path that we're on at this time.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Brings us up to the dais is there a motion on item number 19? Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: Yeah. I'll move approval and then when I have a second I just had a couple of thank yous.

>> Mayor Adler: Is there a second to item number 19? Councilmember kitchen seconds that. Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: So just really quick I'd like to thank my cosponsors, councilmembers tovo, alter, and kitchen, and particularly the office of sustainability. And I see Lucia in the back, the office of sustainability for their contributions to this. We can't do focused released work on reconciliation and sustainability without the professional expertise our staff bring to these conversations every day, so thank you, Lucia, for the work you and Zack are doing on this effort.

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I know we don't see you in front of the dais as frequently as, for example, we see Cub works or our friends with zoning and planning and zoning but that doesn't mean that you remember not doing deep and effective work more quietly. So thank you for that. So on this resolution I just want to say we tried really hard not to be too prescriptive so we can give staff the flexibility to look at population create a framework to structure a way forward on a climate resilience plan. A shout-out I must give to

[indiscernible] In partnership with our sustainability office, watershed, and public works, parks department. It takes a village and together we can make real strides towards climate resiliency. Thank you for being here today. It's been moved and seconded. Yes, mayor pro tem.

>> Garza: I want to make sure I understand exactly what the resolution is doing. So it's just asking for recommendations for a LAN and those recommendations would include possibly funding a chief resilience officer to do the actual plan. So this resolution doesn't create the plan. Is that right?

>> Pool: Well, we can't create the plan with the resolution and really the expertise rests with our staff and networks they have around the country and globally and I'm hoping that all the best

practices that invent happening to date on this will be used to inform the work that we do here in Austin. So that's correct.

>> Garza: I'm not sure if we couldn't create a plan with a resolution, but okay, thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember harper-madison.

>> Harper-madison: I appreciate -- I believe it was Francis Agu and councilmember Cool addressed some of my concerns, they're talking about this community of professionals contributing to this dialogue, that to say I have some concerns and questions around whether or not we need to create another position or if we can continue to have that collaboration and collective effort of the appropriate departments to address our sustainability climate resilience, community resilience needs.

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I also have questions around, what has already happened. So prior to me running for office I specifically remember having conversations about climate reality, resilience, community resilience with folks from the office of sustainability just in my role as a community advocate, like, two years ago. So I just sort of wonder what's already transpired and what happened as a result of all the information and data collected there? And then, lastly, this conversation around climate reality and resilience, is it a municipal government conversation? Or is this a federal-level conversation? Ask one of the reasons I'm asking is because I think we all are well aware that there's some potential for us having to cut programmatic efforts moving forward by way of budget cuts, in which case I just want to make certain we're tapping into resources we have available already as opposed to coming up with other ways to spend our finite, limited resources. So thank you.

Mayor >> Adler: Okay. Further discussion on this item? Ah, yes.

>> Thank you. I'm Lucia, chief stability officer and in response to your questions, councilmember, there have been ongoing activities for a number of years now to try to get our arms around the challenge of climate resilience, so how we're responding and able to adapt to extreme weather. There was a plan developed cross-departmentally led by the office of sustainability released in April last. The specific focus of that particular piece of work was on the resiliency of city assets and operations so really looking more toward are we as a city able to continue functioning in response to extreme weather events. So it wasn't looking more broadly at the entire community and thinking about how the community would be able to be resilient in extreme weather events.

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They're interrelated of course previous to that we also had gotten a grant from the federal highway administration and partnered with CMAP looking at resiliency of transportation assets, so a broader effort that took kind of a deep dive into specific transportation assets to try to understand how they



would be able to withstand extreme weather events. And then more recently the partnership with Google is leading that effort and that's an effort to really look at within the specific neighborhood in Dove Springs to think about how we can use green infrastructure to help that community be more resilient. So that's a partnership that's actually working as -- in conjunction with an international effort but in the United States it's led by the state department. So that's kind of an overview of a couple different things that have happened previously around resilience efforts and the last part of your question, I think, was about kind of at what level these things are happening. There was a previous effort, U.S., North American effort called 100 Resilient Cities that was grant-funded, a number of different cities received grants that funded chief resilience officers for those cities. We actually applied for those grants three years running and were not able to secure that funding support, but we've learned a lot from that process. That funding has come to a close now. But resilience is very much an ongoing conversation at the municipal, the state, federal, as well as globally, and there's a lot of resiliency conversation happening as a part of the global COP40 that Austin is part of, which is an international climate collaborative.

>> Harper-Madison: Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Mr. Renteria. >> Renteria: Yes. I would -- like to know, I heard it mentions about the Volkswagen settlement and the money that's available.

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I was wondering if anybody knows -- could tell me how much we qualified for that settlement. Are we getting a percentage of it? Is there anyone out here that knows whether there's -- if any money is coming from the settlement?

>> Mayor Adler: There is. I think it was some of the money that was told to a moment ago, VW settlement money.

>> Pool: I think he did leave.

>> Mayor Adler: Part of it has been pretty much earmarked for Austin, not in that initial bucket, but in the second bucket. >> Renteria: Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: Further conversation on this? We've talked a long time about bringing COP40 to Austin, they reached out this week and they want to come next summer, next June, so I'll meet up with that.

>> Mayor?

>> Mayor Adler: Any further discussion on this? Yes.

>> Alter: Thank you. I just wanted to add, I think we would all hope that the federal government would take more seriously the effects of climate change and in the absence of federal action what we do here on the city level that much more important. I think that's what the mayor and councilmember Pool went to Paris and the actions that we take, the fact that we set a goal for our climate change goals with respect to net zero, et cetera, are really important. If every city would follow Austin's example we could make a huge dent in addressing climate change needs. I also am really proud to be part of this resolution on climate

resilience. It's really important important to me in the strategic planning process that we pay attention to the environment goals that we have as a city and understanding that you can be pro-environment and economically responsible and socially responsible. We have, as one of our top ten outcomes, climate resiliency, and think this resolution is a great step in helping us to move forward, continuing to build on the legacy that we have from so many folks who have been advocates for our environment and with respect to renewable energy for so many years.

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>> Mayor Adler: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? Let's take a vote. Those in favor of item 19 please raise your hand. Those opposed. M sorry on the dais. Passes. Congratulations. Is Bruce Nailer here? He's here? Bruce, I don't know if you want to speak on this item number 20 or not. I called your name earlier. You weren't in the room.

>> Just a little bit. >> Mayor Adler: Come on down.

>> [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: As he's walking down, is there a motion on this item number 20? Councilmember Alter makes the motion. Is there a second to this item? Councilmember Tovo seconds it.

>> Alter: I want to point out it's the motion for the yeowillet that you should have.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Mr. Nailer, do you want to talk?

>> [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: Record should reflect that councilmember Kitchen seconds that.

>> I'm Bruce Nailer, I'll try and be very brief. I've spent my career doing computational modeling of three dimensional things, worlds and objects. And climate science is based upon that kind of computation. Broadly speaking. What's happened in the last number of months is we've -- the community discovered that their predictions were off a bit and that's not surprising that they're off. That they're off. They're always off a certain degree. But they were underestimating how rapidly things could decline. And that's why there's been really a very strong reaction in the community, what you see with the green new deal, for example. So there's data that's changed and a lack of accurate predictions, but let me just say about on predictions in general, the great thing about science is it gives you a way to predict the future.

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Humans are dominated by what they see right in front of themselves. And we're not terribly adept at projecting into the future. And so you're gonna be confronted with issues that seem very immediate to you and you need to address and that they'll always take a priority over these longer-term issues. In the case

of climate science, we can't do that. It's too lethal. The downside potentially is getting in the debt of what could have happened if we had ever had a nuclear war. It's that dramatic. So that's what I wanted to say. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. It gets us up to the dais, item number 20 has been moved and seconded. Any discussion? Councilmember Alter, do you want to open?

>> Alter: Sure. Thank you. First of all, I'd like to thank my cosponsors, councilmember Pool, councilmember Tovo, councilmember Kitchen, and councilmember Ellis. I'd also like to thank the staff of Austin Energy and the office of sustainability that worked very closely with my office on this resolution, all as members of the electric utility commission and climate buddies. I think what we have before here -- us is an opportunity to really stick a thing in the ground that says that electrification of our transportation system is one of the ways that we want to see the city do to reach our net zero goals, to become carbon neutral by 2050. As our staff noted on Tuesday, our mode shift goals alone will not get us to our carbon neutrality and we need to do more than just reduce -- transfer people to transit. We also need to make sure that the cars and the vehicles of all sizes that are on the road are switched over to renewable energy, over to electric vehicles, that we can have a chance of reducing our carbon emissions.

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This includes electrifying the city's fleet, reimagining our bus system, changing the types of load-carrying trucks on the road and switching more passenger vehicles over to clean energy. There are a lot of different things that could fall under this umbrella of electrification of our transportation system, and what we're really asking is to make sure we're thinking big and thinking very closely about all the things that we can do. What this resolution does is asks us to set goals. We've done well in other realms where we have set goals. In this case we need goals with respect to electrification of our transportation fleet but also need some intermediate goals that we don't have in place for achieving our net zero goals. The reason that this particular direction appeals to me is that I really believe strongly in trying to create a sustainable Austin, and for me that means we have to have three pillars that are really strong, the economic pillar, the social pillar, and the environmental. And the opportunities with electrification of our transportation in all of those areas are tremendous. With respect to the environment, it's obvious that if you switch to electric vehicles you reduce the greenhouse emissions from all sorts of vehicles. Through the parts of this resolution that talk about access, whether it's at multi-family or for having ev-ready opportunities as part of the building code, those are all important for helping to make evs affordable and accessible to all parts of our community. And then, thirdly, in some ways, you know, really important for our city's sustainability fiscally is that if this integration of our grid that can happen with evs really creates opportunities for us to leverage investments we've already made in renewable energy. It allows us to create a new economic model, as was mentioned for our utility. And to allow people all over our community to take advantage of the reduced costs of using electric vehicle.

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I'm proud to be -- to be part of a council that understands we need to do everything we can to combat climate change and to be a leader in a city that has set important goals like net zero and carbon neutrality and I think that with this resolution today we're moving a step forward in achieving those goals and helping us to be imaginative to address an innovative field, do it in an adaptable way but in a way that sets us up for success so as it evolves we can really move forward in a sustainable way as a city. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. This item has been moved and seconded. Councilmember Kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Yes. I wanted to speak on this resolution and thank councilmember Alter for her leadership and thank my -- thank the cosponsors on this. I think this is just a very timely and important next step. You know, one of the first things that the 10-1 council did was establish fleet electrification study and plan for the city of Austin that set a goal for us to add 330 plug-in EVs to the city fleet by 2020. We're almost 20 right now. It's time to revisit our goals, see what our progress is, and see what we can accelerate and improve upon those. So I think this is very timely. It's also very timely that we integrate this as part of our -- as part of our efforts on climate change in our community climate plan. So I think that's really critical. I also think that it's very timely, too, the city has been working more and more in conjunction with Cap Metro, so I was very excited with my colleagues that are on Cap Metro board to be able to announce a few weeks that the -- that Cap Metro has been able to accelerate their acquisition of electric buses and expects to have two buses by then of this year, two by the beginning of next year, and then additional ones very soon thereafter.

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So I think we're at -- we need to accelerate our efforts around electrification, build upon what we've done before, and really move forward with it as part of climate change efforts. I'm very excited to be a cosponsor of it. I also wanted to mention the smart mobility plan that the council adopted also fairly early on in our 10-1 council, that focuses on shared electric and eventually autonomous vehicles. The city of Austin adopted the smart mobility plan, Cap Metro adopted a smart mobility plan, and we've been working with other folks in the community like AISD and ACC and others to move those efforts forward. So I think this is a very timely and very important next step, and I'm proud to be part of it.

>> Mayor Adler: Yes, councilmember Harper-Madison.

>> Harper-Madison: I'm not certain if everybody received a copy of the amendments that I had for this one. I scratched out item number 9 and replaced it with 20. It says amendment sheet one.

>> Mayor Adler: Do you want to make any more?

>> Harper-Madison: I would like to make two amendments.

Or Aya: Okay.

>> Harper-madison: On page number 3 of five, and this particular resolution, I'd like to amend number 3 read "The Austin strategic mobility plan climate policy and mode shift goals," and then move number 3 to number 4 in the action plan.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. There's an amendment. Is there a second to the amendment? Councilmember Flannigan seconds it. Any discussion? Councilmember Harper-madison, you can go first if you want to. It's your amendment.

>> Harper-madison: I'm sorry?

Mayor Adler: You can discuss it first.

>> Harper-madison: I think it's pretty self-explanatory especially after our discussion on Monday about making sure our considerations here offer us to be adhering to goals we set and how we're moving forward with the Austin strategic mobility plan so just for the sake of consistency.

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Further discussion, councilmember Pool -- Councilmember Alter?

>> Alter: Thank you. I would consider that a friendly amendment but I would want to check with staff because we had an earlier version that had reference to the Austin strategic mobility plan and several other explains they did to remove that. So I just want to make sure they don't have any issues with including this. As I see it, we're asking to make sure that the climate plan takes into consideration the electrification issues, it's not to the exclusion of other things that would already be in the works for the climate plan and certainly the Austin strategic mobility plan would be one of those. I tried to make sure staff had an opportunity to speak to that since they had asked us to take a slightly different version out earlier.

>> Mayor Adler: Is staff here? Lucia? Are you okay with this amendment?

>> Yes, it's fine.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Thank you. Any objection to that amendment being included? Hearing none, it's included. Back to the main motion on .20 further discussion?

>> Harper-madison: The second memo that I have is in accordance with amendment number 2. I think that page number 5 of five. It's the be it resolved that starts with the city manager is directed to provide city council with and goes through the numbers 1-3. There's language that says EV building codes, rebates for EV programs, outreach and efforts to reach multi-family and low-income households. I'd like to change the word "Efforts" to "New plans and strategies."

>> Mayor Adler: Is there any objection to that amendment being included? Hearing none, that amendment is included as well. Thank you. Let's take a vote. Those in favor of item 20 please raise your hand. Those opposed. Unanimous on the dais. 20 passes as well. Thank you. Thank you all for coming.

[ Applause ] Let's go ahead and do the housing agenda here real fast. We can let some people go.

and I reconvene the Austin city council here 2:41, still may 9, still city council chambers. You want to take us through consent zoning so we can let people go?

>> First items 28, c14-2018-0115, ready for consent approval on second and third readings. 29, npa-2011-0016.03, withdrawn by the applicant, action is necessary. Item 30, c14-2017-0138, also withdrawn by the applicant, no action needed. 31, c14-2017, 96, ready for consent approval. 32, c14, 2017-0124, postponement request on this case by staff to August 8. This is related to item 10 that you already took action on?

>> Mayor Adler: August 8 or 19th?

>> August 8.

>> 33, this is a postponement request by the applicant to June 6. Everybody is in agreement. Item 34, c14-2018-0126.

I'm going to call up item 1960 I think it is and I'm going to recess the city council meeting here at 2:30 and call up the -- and convene the Austin housing finance corporation meeting here at 2:30, in city council chambers, today is may 9.

[see separate transcript for Austin Housing Finance Corporation meeting]

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This case is ready for approval on all three readings. Mayor, you made in the report this morning a correction this is jci incorporated as owner so I'd make note of that. We have a single speaker signed up to speak. I have discussed with him and he said he would be okay coming up here and making a short statement and leaving it on consent if y'all are okay with that. And finally I'll read the other two.

>> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry. Hang on.

>> Flannigan: I want to be clear the staff recommendation is what WRE voting on on consent on this item.

>> We can move to approve staff recommendation as opposed to commission recommendation if that's what the council chooses. Staff has no issue with that.

>> Mayor Adler: What's before us will be S recommendation on item number 34.

>> 34, correct.

>> Mayor Adler: All right.

>> Would you like to hear from the individual?

>> Mayor Adler: We will not right now. Let you finish.

>> Item 35 is c14-2018-0108. Ready for consent approval all three readings, item 36, this case is also ready for consent approval on all three readings.

>> Mor Adler: Okay. So the consent agenda is items 28-36. All of these items are on cot.en to being withdrawn to being postponed. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda? Councilmember Flannigan make a motion. Renteria seconds that motion. Let's ask the speaker, Roger Wong, if he wants to have a chance to talk to us. >> Mayor, councilmembers, thank you very mu. I'm Roger Wong, live in the neighborhood that's behind the proposed apartments and initially when I was here last time speaking to the commission, I was against the project because when you get a notice apartments are going up behind you you're scared, you don't know what's going on. But after investigation, lkinta to city staff, the applicant and landowners thselves, it seems as if they've taken measures into account to mitigate any of the adverse effects that we were worried about.so I'm here today to approve or at least to give my recognition that you approve their request to rezone to mf-4.

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Initialthe commission had asked for us conditional overlay of 600 units and I'm in favor of that as well. Uncilmembers, there is some wetlands on that proptyer I know that the applicant will take every measure to preserve them as necessary. I would like tosk you, though, that perhaps at some later time you could explore perhaps giving developers incentives to try to keep wetlands if there are wetlands mission local rather than having them buy credits and offshoring that to some remote location. It's been raining, drainage is on our minds a lot and we onlyet G the benefits of the drainage andtratiln from the water quality of that wetlands if we can keep them local so please keep that in mind inhe T future. Thank you very much.

Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. This has been moved and seconded. Any discussion?

>> Also includes closing all the public hearings.

>> Mayor Adler: Closell public hearings. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Unanimous on the dais. I have a question.

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>> Mayor Adler: It looks like item none 32 and ten were associated with one another.

>> I'm sorry, 32 and ten, correct.

>> Mayor Adler: 3s postponed.

>> Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: We passed ten this morning. Was it postponed this morning?

>> Postponed.

>> Mayor Adler: I missed that. Justanted to mak sure. You're right. It was postponed. Just wanted to make sure. Ten was postponed. That's our consent Anda. Those are all our items on that.

>> Tovo: Mayor, I did have a quick question. The item we talked about at the work session on Tuesday that we just withdrew, was it in verness --

>> Mayor Adler 29 to 30?

>> Tovo: Okay, I've resolved it.

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Thank you sometime all right, council, two things left, a public hearing on something that appears as if everybody is in agreement on, number 26, and then we have the unlocked resolution, 27. I have five people signed up to speak in favor of item number 26, which is the consolidated plan. I'm trying to get to the -- I don't know how many people want to speak on this. Why don't you come on down and we'll give people a chance to speak. Mr. Pena, do you want to come down first?

>> [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. You're giving your time to him? Is what you said? You said you're gonna go after him?

>> I never want more time. Thank you, mayor.

>> Mayor Adler: Go ahead. Mr. Hirsch.

>> Thank you, mayor, members of the council, I've handed you a copy of the comments I've submitted to city staff on the on so dated plan. It establishes our goal for the next five years so it's very critical. We have a goal of 60,000 net -- net affordable units under the next ten years and logically that means we should try and create and maintain 30,000 in the next five years. I don't see that language in the draft plan. It needs to be there in order for us to be successful halfway through when the plan is done. We'd need to recognize that all federal investment from the last century no longer results in affordability periods. Because of the way that we structured community block grant and home F in the past. We need to recognize that we'll continue to have problems with affordability at Miller, as affordability programs expired when we haven't done more significant investment and a lot of what were originally affordable rentals and homeownership units will no longer be affordable. We didn't get though we had tried to achieve smart housing at the triangle home in green, and that was related to the smart housing resolution that your predecessors passed on April 20, 2000, so we're not getting a yield there.

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And we may, if the legislature acts in a certain way, lose a lot of existing rental affordable that will convert to short-term rental because the rules will be much more relaxed staff legislation passes. We will start losing our first units to affordability in the university overlay about a year from now. And so we need to look at how do we preserve a net creation of ,000 over ten years when we begin losing entirely affordable



units. The council decisions on how long affordability that you'll take up in T next item are extremely significant in moving us towards where we want to be in the future, and I'll speak to that when that item comes up. I will also tell you that the actions you've taken the last Thursdays should get us way beyond the 135,000 unit goal in the market rate goal in the strategic housing blueprint. Finally, what I'm still disappointed in, is that there's not an increased recognition the value of child development centers and afterschool programs relate to both funding and regulations. We'll have an opportunity to address that on regulations when your code rewrite comes back, but still those of us who testified that child development centers for extremely low-income households shun enhanced from a funding perspective, if it's in there, I'm an old man and I can't find it.

[Buzzer sounding] So wanted to let you know that.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Mr. Pena is going to speak and then Ms. Shibitz.

>> Okay. Just for the record, Gus Pena. United States Marine Corps veteran, and I don't care who makes fun of me. Really, I'm through with it. I just want to let you know this, mayor, councilmembers.

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I've been dealing with a lot of senators, state reps that are not even representing Austin/Travis County and on this affordable housing units. We're losing workers -- actually they're not -- as soon as their lease is terminated -- terminated they're not letting anybody rent anymore. Town Lake Circle was my first apartment in ' when discharged honorably in the United States Army and some doesn't go to the military. They ran away. The issue is this, Mr. Hirsch, he's the expert, I'm not. The only thing I'm an expert in is trying to stay out of homelessness. I do know a lot about homeless issues at the Capitol and, again, I will mention to Sen. Lucia and state representative Lucio and Mendenhall from San Antonio, we spoke about the issues and he said that's a disgrace to have all this, a disgrace. For a councilmember like that walking away, you know, that's a disgrace too. But I don't care. I quit caring a long time ago. I care about my veterans. I care about the poor people in Austin. And it's getting worse. So having said that, I'm just gonna keep it light and slight. We need affordable housing like Stewart said, we're gonna be losing rental units. We're not gonna gain any. It's too many people coming in. They say hundred per day. We're in a world of hurt like we say in the United States Marine Corps. Councilmember

-Maderon, thank you, I love you because I'm able to speak to you and you know where we come from. And I'm not disrespecting anybody else, but we know what's out there, you and know what's out there because I've been -- I am a friend in the African-American community. I'm loved more by them than my own Mexican-Americans sometimes. Except my wife. She loves me. But the issue is this, I appreciate you very much because your comments are true, right on target. Our communities are losing.

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Are losing. Once a rental unit or the -- the time is up on your rental unit, you get booted. Guess what? They're tearing it down and making more expensive units. So that's why, mayor, councilmembers, I speak because I've been there. I've been there in combat. I'm talking about combat housing-wise and being homeless. I don't want anybody else to be homeless. You know it mayor, when you were running for mayor, we were homeless. And nobody helped us out except the lord. I just want to say we need all this affordable units. Make it really affordable. And I got to go. I'm -- my baby girl still lives at home. I cry because people are homeless. Need help. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Daily shibits -- Dale Shibit and Kate Moore.

>> Good afternoon, Kate Moore, director of continuum of care and partnerships at Echo. Thank you for letting me be here today. At Echo, we serve as conveners and collaborators with our community partners, all of us are trying to stretch limited dollars to end homelessness for as many people as we can, as quickly as possible. Whenever our system ends and Austinites homeless our entire community often we appreciate the city making homelessness a high priority and the consolidated plan and for your continued support for ending homelessness in our community. We especially want to thank the continued commitment of the staff at Austin public health and NHCD in the trenches with us doing the hard work everyday. As part of the commitment to this, NHCD for instance in this consolidated plan and accompanying action plan created two new funding items that we appreciate. These include the use of tenant-based rental assistance using HOME dollars. We are particularly excited about that. It is -- will allow us to serve 68 households annually to help end their homelessness through an evidence-based practice called rapid rehousing.

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And it's over 600,000 annually. So we're particularly thankful to the city and for NHCD for creating this program. It will really help us help households experiencing homelessness. They also put on -- put some CDBG funds, over a million dollars, to fund an emergency shelter in the city. And that is also, as you know, in the action plan to end homelessness. And so we appreciate emergency shelters part of the solution. We want to identify that we have a system that works, and we have solutions that are proven in our community. Last year thousands of people received assistance to end homelessness from our community's prevention outreach and housing programs. But, unfortunately, just we know there are thousands more in need of immediate assistance, and we need more funds to be able to serve those folks. Additionally, Echo's membership coalition, who represent the entire continuum of people involved in ending homelessness, for the first time have submitted collective feedback to the city for this consolidated plan. We encourage you to follow their collective wisdom. They encourage that all of our programs, no matter the funding source, to work as a system. The city should require that all city-funded permanent housing programs included rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs follow community standards and have consistent expectations for programs serving people experiencing homelessness. Including participation in the coordinated entry, prioritization guidelines, and use of consistent outcome measures. Finally we thank you so much for your continued commitment.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you for your work. Any further discussion? Let's come up to the dais for a motion. Councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: To close the public hearing.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Well, we have a motion to -- is it -- we approving the plan?

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Next month? Motion to close the public hear. Councilmember Casar makes that motion. Is there a second? Okay. Mr. Renteria seconds that. Those I favor of closing the public hearing raise your hand. Kathie -- councilmember tovo.

>> Tovo: Sorry. I just have question. Are we having a publichearg again next month before we -- borefe we approve it?

>> Mayor Adler: No. This is the public hearing?

>> Tovo: This is the final

>> Mayor Adler: This is the final one. Those in favor of closing the public hearing, raise your hand, those opposed? The public hearing is nowclosed. We'll pick that up till next month. That gets to the last item on our agenda, number 27. Mr. Renteria.

>> Renteria: I would just like to say a few comments. I know my name was mention but, you know, you have -- you know, I'm kind of tired of hearing people come up there and criticize you for what you have done for the veterans. You have done a great job, you know, housing the homeless veterans out there in the street. I personally have gone out there and broke ground and cut ribbons for veterans who purchased their own house. I just want to let the community know that we have a mayor here that really has worked really hard and has provided affordable housing. You know, we know that there's so out there that are very hard to reach. I have worked very hard trying to get people off the street, and it's one of the hardest things you can do. Especially when they've been out on the street for over two years. These people, I have gone up and talked to them and said we C get you into housing if you want it, and they said, no, they're not ready to leave the street, you know, and for Theo -- for someone to saythat you haven't done and housed and you met veterans here, you know, we have given them the opportunity, and that's about as much as we can do, is to provide opportunity for outerans.

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But not only our veterans but all the homeless peoplthat are out there on the street. And that's what our goal is, to provide the opportunity. We can't force people to come and ceapt housing -- that's just not going to happen. I wanted to make that comment and say thank you for the work you have done.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Renteria, thank you for that. Continuing on, item number 27, last item on our agenda. Councilmember Casar, you want to make a motion?

>> Casar: Yes, may I'll make a base -- on the base motion, as I hand it out in Orange, except I'm not going to move my amendment to number 4, which is the cooperative amendment because I think councilmemberemool actually has that one written in a way that works better, so I'm moving it as the base everything in this sheet, and once I have a second, I'm happy either explain it or take testimony or do it in whichever order you like.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. So you're moving the Orange sheet, with the exception of item number 4.

>> Casar: Correct.

Mayor Adler: Is that correct? There's been a motion. Is there a second to this motion?

>> Mayor Adler: Item number 4 is coming down the dais right now.

>> Mayor Adler: In a second. Mayor pro tem seconds this. We have a motion and a secretary. Councilmember Casar, you can lead

f.of >> Casar: I will just lay out the changes as they were posted to the message board today, and any changes from -- there's some small changes from yesterday to just get us closer to where we want to go. So the -- the first amendment is to make sure we incorporate planning commission's recommendations to waive minimum site area. A big chunk of the ordinance can then be struck because that was trying to define minimum site area different ways, and if we're taking planning commission's recommendation of just waiving minimum site area for those bigger developments, then we can strike that section.

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Number 2 is what I had described also during work session, which is planning commission recommended that there be screening and design requirements in SF-5 or more restrictive districts, and I have accepted that. However, there was a concern that what if somebody is building affordable housing in an SF-5 district but builds SF-4 style housing? Should they abide by requirements for SF-5? We went in there to clarify the intent and say if the height of the development exceeds three stories, then those screening and sign standards that planning commission recommended should be put in place, and I think this is planning commission's general intent. The third amendment is in response to some of the questions that were brought up by the community and brought up during work session, which was, what if we -- what if the affordability requirement gets extended for other developments? Then is it stuck here at 40 years? And so this amendment says that 40 years is the minimum affordability for a rental, but if we increase our affordability requirements citywide or other programs to 55 years, and I know there's conversation happening right now about extending from 40 years to more years, then in affordability unlocked, the affordability requirement will automatically be raised. Number 4 is the one I have skipped over, which is cooperative, including cooperative housing. I think councilmember pool's amendment will cover that. Number 5 is to allow smaller lot to utilize the program. I had -- I tried to explain this during work session where we wanted to reduce the lot size for multifamily, in conversation with some folks, they said, well,

why not reduce it just for development generally, not just for multifamily, and so this amendment reduces minimum lot size to 2500 square feet.

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That doesn't reduce the gray, the minimum lot width would need to be 25 feet in order to allow that number 6 is a change that we posted yesterday and I've got a chart to hand out to make it all clear. It increases accessible parking requirements not only beyond federal rules but also beyond the staff draft. So I'm going to hand this out in case anybody needs this chart. Essentially, we have what we intended during our resolution to relieve affordable housing developments of parking requirements, but the question remained about what we would do with accessible parking. So what this amendment does is that 100% of the accessible spaces that are required under the building code, regardless of how much non-accessible parking you build, we are going to be requiring that number of accessible spaces, period. So, for example, on this chart, a 100-unit complex with a mix of bedroom sizes, currently, under current code, has to build six accessible spaces. Under affordability unlocked, they could build whatever number of non-accessible spaces as they want. Under the staff's recommendation, instead of six accessible spaces, they'd have to build two, but under this amendment, they would still have to build the six, such that the number of accessible spaces built on site is the same under affordability unlocked as the current code. It would always be six. In gray I've added the clarification that some folks asked for, saying that accessible parking must be provided on site, off street, except where on site parking is allowed elsewhere in the existing code. This basically says we want to relieve affordable housing developments of inaccessible parking requirements but accessible parking, regardless of whether you build zero or a hundred, you've got to build the accessible parking.

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Then I have renamed the program from the affordable housing development bonus program to affordability unlocked bonus program because I think it could get really confusing which bonus program we're talking about, if they're all called the same thing. And so number 8, this was a question that came up in the early phases of the resolution. Councilmember Alter brought it up. I think a couple others brought it up, about how do we handle mixed use. We decided to say a development can only be 25% non-housing, basically allowing for the ground floor to be, say, retail, then you can have three levels of affordable housing on top. But a legal question was raised that when we say non-residential uses can be that 25%, that things like your fitness room or lobby or leasing office is considered non-residential. So then ultimately it wouldn't allow the whole bottom floor to be mixed use because then you wouldn't have anywhere to put your fitness room or leasing office so the word commercial uses was replaced to allow for an affordable housing project that is four stories and has retail or office on the bottom. And then the very final piece is just a very small cleanup to clarify that for those developments that are going into the type two section, they're goal above and beyond, because, for example, they're providing 10% of their housing at less than 30% mfi, the deepest levels of affordability, that they still have to comply with

the baseline 50% affordable housing. If somebody goes I type 2 because they're providing 10% at less than 30%, that does not relieve them of the baseline requirement it has to be a majority affordable housing project on top of having that deep level of affordability. So that is -- that is the base -- that is the base motion as I've laid it out.

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I'm happy to take any questions or just hear testimony or run this as you like.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Motion as amended is in front of us. It's Orange sheet with the exemption of sect 4. We have some folks that have signed up to speak. Do we want to get the public speaking and then come back up to the dais for amendments? Let's go ahead and do that. So, let's begin this item. Councilmember kitchen?

>> Kitchen: We could do that. It might be interesting for the speakers to hear the variety of amendments, if people want to lay them out. If you don't want to do it that way, that's okay.

>> Mayor Adler: A lot of people are shaking their head the other way. Let's get through the debate --

>> Kitchen: Doesn't let the speakers know what we're --

May>> Adler: Let's -- if you have -- let's let people air their amendment just real quickly, though, because we'll discuss them later. Almost just to give, like, the subject area and the solution. Let's do that quickly so that the speakers can hear what's going to be as play. Councilmember pool, do you want to do yours really fast?

>> Pool: Here. You can see councilmember pool motions 1-4, and as councilmember Casar noted, if he had had all of the in advance, he would have put them in the main base motion, but I'm also happy to have my amendment, you know, to authorize the amendment.

>> Mayor Adler: One has to do with co-op or --

>> Pool: That's right. We're calling them sleeping units. Thanks.

>> Mayor Adler: All right. Councilmember Tovo, do you want to say -- did you have amendments?

>> Tovo: I do. One -- one would prohibit the use of -- within multifamily developments, it would prohibit those dwelling units from being used as short-term rentals.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: One would just add a little bit of information -- would detail some information, we would like to come back in that review process after the ordinance is adopted.

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And then I had asked F staff to take a look at and to provide us with a model of a project -- and help us understand how many units could be lost if we allow the same number of units to qualify for two different density bonus programs. I'm not saying that in any of our backup any of our materials Butay be missing it. So I do have an amendment related to that but it would be helpful if there is a response that the staff did for us, if somebody points me to where that might be in our backup.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: Then I do have question for staff also. I want them to verify what my understanding is, is that property owners or developers who want to qualify for this will come in and certify themselves and begin the process by certifying themselves with our staff and I want to verify that. I think that's, you know, the main question I'm hearing from people about how and to whom this will be open to.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Mr. Flannigan?

>> Flannigan: Councilmember Tovo, just to be clear, you've got motion sheet 1 and motion sheet 3 but not a motion sheet 2?

>> Tovo: Yes I have motion sheet 2, I just haven't distributed it yet. It relates to a topic I just mentioned --

>> Flannigan: I wanted to make sure I wasn't missing it.

>> Tovo: About the double program being, about allowing what -- what the ordinance currently does is allow portion in two different density bonus programs and get the entitlements of both with the same universal affordable units, and I'd asked staff to please take us through a couple mock developments to show us how many units we would be giving up with that provision.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: Again, I don't see that in the backup and I do have an amendment to address it, but it would be -- I wanted to see that data before I move forward with the amendment.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. But the answer is, just sheet 1 and sheet. Councilmember pool has sheets 1-4. In our universe right now, people on the dais are making sure they have everything and I have everything.

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Tovo sheets 1 and. Councilmember pool's 1-4, and councilmember kitchen, you have a direction a, sell W as two motion sheets?

>> Kitchen: Yeah. Let me speak to those. Just subject matter.

>> Mayor Adler: Just subject matter.

>> Kitchen: Yeah. Direction a relates to some direction to staff to work with the disability community, including adapt, to discuss and develop recommendations related to some of the parking, and I'll explain that more when we take that one up.

Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Kitchen: The second one I have relates to a new part 6 to clarify the enforcement provisions that would go into the agreement with qualifying development and then the last one I've put out TRE for discussion purposes, and it relates to the issue that I raised at the work session. I was thinking that the tier 2 - the type 2 development for the increased entitlements that we would be getting increased levels of affordability, so this one relates to my attempt to address that.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. All right. Stay here from folks that signed up. Mr. Peña, he's still here. What about Rachel Stone? Why don't you come on down. Onicks Stewart Hirsch. You'll be on deck. Then when Ms. Stone walks away, if Britney base, why don't you take that podium in a second.

>> Hi. I'm Rachel Stone, assistant director of Guadalupe neighborhood development corporation. I just wanted to thank council and staff for their commitment to move forward with adopting this ordinance at the -- as soon as we can. It will really help us move the affordable housing bond dollars further and leverage more funds and more affordable housing.

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I wanted to support the amendment to waive minimum site area requirements. That will also allow us to produce more units. We agree that the affordability period should be aligned with existing city requirements, including the affordable housing bond, and the idea that as we move forward, if those requirements are extended, that the -- if the bond requirements or other city program terms are extended, that the program should also be extended to make all the outcomes be aligned. And I just wanted to comment on how much -- how helpful the parking flexibility would be for groups like Guadalupe neighborhood development corporation. I gave the example last time we talked about this of our project we want to build for seniors and that without the flexibility in parking, we would be digging down four stories, adding ramps, it's about \$50,000 per unit -- per parking space that we'd be adding, but as of now, if this goes through, we would be able to, instead provide more units and we would be providing the number of accessible units as would be fully -- as would be required without the reduced parking. I'm happy to answer questions out any of our projects. I just think this is super exciting and we're really happy to see the support on this and hope we can get a lot more housing out there. So thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: That's good. Thank you very much. Is Phyllis here you have time donated from Billy Whipple? Is he here?

>> He is not. >> Mayor Adler: No? So you'll be three minutes but you're on deck so there's another person at that podium, come up, Mr. Hirsch. >> Thank you, mayor, and members of the council. This is a dream come true. I support the planning commission recommendation as modified by councilmember Casar and others because I believe it will make a major contribution to achieving the 60,000 net affordable housing units over the next ten years.



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I've got one amendment change but I wanted to highlight for you how robust the city's accessibility standards will continue to be when this passes. We have in the housing discrimination chapter of the ordinance requirements for visibility for those places we fund. They are the most robust in the country and they do not change under the adoption of this ordinance. In our building code, we -- in international residential code local amendments, we have some of the most robust visitability standards for all single-family and duplex housing and that does not change here so anyone who would oppose this based on diminished accessibility standards has been misinformed about what the law is currently and what will change as a result of this ordinance. Now I want to talk to you about a minor defect based on my work over the last ten years serving people at 18% median family income who generally earn about 10,000 a year and many of them are disabled or seniors. The current draft would prohibit demolition of a 21-bedroom apartment complex if the apartments are 40 years old and have no significant property maintenance code violations, if they were replaced by 51 efficiency apartments leased to individuals 50% mfi or 3 mfi, which is below the standard of this code, and the reason it would do that is because this code was drafted in a way that if we demolish what we had and build more, you can do that if you've let your property run down, but you can't do that if you've been properly maintaining it and following the property maintenance standards of the city and the tenant relocation standards of the city and all the other things you're supposed to do under current law and under the proposed ordinance. So please fix that so you don't reward slumlords and discourage people who maintain affordable rental, market rate rental housing at adequate standards.

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I've given you the description of what would need to change in the ordinance. I think it was your intent to go there, but the actual way that the language is crafted discourages what I have been able to do in demolishing 20 and creating 64 on one site, demolishing one and creating 40 on another site. I don't think you want to end that practice. It's a very effective way, when you don't have to do site acquisition and you already own the land, and for the people that I usually work with, they're not going to get tax credits, they're not competing for the state funding the way that the bigger developers in affordable housing do, so please don't take away a tool that's available to us right now.

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>> Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Wayne Jeremy here? Come on. You'll be next.

>> I'm bringing any, director of development at family elderly care. We've been serving seniors and adults with disabilities in central Texas for 37 years. That includes affordable senior housing development gardens on the east side. I just want to compliment council for affordability unlocked. It is thoughtful and it is bold and we echo some of the comments previously heard. The faster we can adopt this ordinance, the faster we can make the best use of our bond money. Also encourage council to waive

the minimum site area requirements and to align the affordability period with current city requirements to 40 years, and we would certainly lift them per Cesar's amendment if that gets extended. And also to maintain the eligibility requirements. I didn't hear an amendment today, but family housing is important, but senior housing and housing that addresses homelessness is also very important, and we have more single-headed households than at any other time, and a great increase in our renters who are ages 60-plus. So we want to make sure that we can create single-bedroom housing and that's not disincentivized. Then on the parking, we also want to encourage lifting the parking requirements or minimums, and I think Cesar's amendment again on affordable parking is important, seniors and those with disabilities need it, but having an approach that allows flexibility to meet the needs of those they're building it for helps us create creative solutions.

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Trying to get into the 30% multifamily housing, economics are very tough so we need all of the creative opportunities we can, and lifting those regulations allows for that. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Ann Howard, you'll be up at this podium after Ms. Snodgrass. Go ahead.

>> Mayor and councilmembers thank you so much, we are so excited and thankful to you, councilmember Cesar, for bringing forward affordability unlocked. It is as tough a time as any we have seen at Austin Habitat for Humanity. Myself, a resident of district 5, we have found that the lines of people trying to get housing are getting longer and longer. Our housing counselors are turning away folks daily, and it's because of the difficulty of obtaining housing and then once we -- we are able to get land and try to put the housing together, we spend years trying to get the setbacks and the waivers and the parking waivers and we need to do just to make the housing happen and so if we want to make this housing happen faster, if we want to spend this bond money quicker, we need some flexibility and this is a fabulous tool to help us get the flexibility we need to be building housing, innovatively, more creatively, and more places in Austin think that's what we all want to see, so thank you. Thank you for your work on this, councilmember Cesar. I hope this is a great birthday present for you today. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Shavone Terrell here?

>> Echo -- my name is Ann Howard, I'm executive director of Echo. Echo is 100% in support of the sort of set of tools that you have before you today. We ask that as you move forward and are spending the bond funds, that you make sure that those funds are delivering you housing that can be accessible to people who are experiencing homelessness.

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As you heard earlier, we're working closely with nhcd to make sure hhappens, and so as you sort of see the policies for the rhda funding, you need to be looking for how we're going to acco date the people coming off the street. Thank you very much.

>> M or Adler: Thank you. Before Mr. Jeremy speaks, Ave Caesar.

>> All right. Mayor and council, thank your having us and this resn.io we need this liability and I like the phrase people centric approach. Really, we're in there with our famies,lie understand their needs, their lifestyles and at Austin habitat at least, we have the ability of offering multiple product typ so we have single-family homes, some townhomes, we're going to have some kind of mid rise condos going on all at the same time. So the more we can be flexible in what we're allowed T pvide and really meet the needs of the clients we serve, it is my job at habitat, as the vp of client RVices, to sell those homes. We really do have families that have different needs, so I would just really encourage continuing to allow usough this resolution the flexibility to focus on the needs of the people we serve and meet them where they are, provide a product that is something they want and will use and will need and ultimately will buy because they're using their rd-ehaned dollars to do it. So thank you for putting it forth and we look forward to hopefully seeing it pass.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Michael Gerber. Go ahead.

>> Good afterno, monor and councilmembers. My name is shavone, I'm program manager at housing works Austin. The director couldn't be here today but sends her regards and gratitude. Housing works is a mission driven research advyocrogram that is working on affordable housing solution since 2007.

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Our mission is to research forall parts of homes, all parts of town, for all kinds of people because we believe that everyone should have a opportunity to secure an affordable home. We work closely with our advocacy committee, which includes a broad coalition of affordable housing leaders, including nonprofit developers, scholars, and advocates throughout several iterations of the affordability unlocked ordinance. We are collectively thrilled that this ordinance presents the opportunity to achieve our missions and positively impact the supply of affordable housing in our communities by decreasing housingosts, allowing more dwelling units, addressing displacement pressures, creatin more ie-restricted affordable housing units, and providing more mixed income and economic integration through the city and leveraging the 250 million affordable housing dollar bond. We hope that this ordinance maintains its integrity throughout its process and we believe it is an opportunity to provide solutions to our affordable housing crisis and achieve goals of the Austin -- austinrategic housing plus. Blueprint. We also passed around scenarios from the -- if affordability were to pass, these are what our nonprofit house developers would be able to provide. If you have any questions, we're

here from our advocacy committee. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Nicole Jocelyn. Why don't you come O down.

>> Thank you, mayor, mayor O tem, councilmembers for allowing us to speak here. We're very excited to support this. My name is [indiscernible], serve on the executive committee of the Austin housing

coalition. We're excited to support the affordability unlocked ordinance. We're excited to be working with a multitude of partners in getting this where it is so we're thankful for all the input that folks have given, and I thank the council for their support, particularly in ensuring that we pass this in a timely way and at the earliest. It's really important that we allow this to be -- we pass this as early as possible so we can really leverage our affordable housing dollars, particularly our affordable housing bond, to ensure that we get the units that we need out of this.

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The other things I'm going to go over, you will have heard before and you might hear after me, but I just want to say them to ensure that they're very important. One is that we request that the minimum site requirements be waived as this will allow us to produce more affordable units. We also request that the affordability period is aligned with the programs that we have today, with the understanding as we move forward, particularly looking at our programs more comprehensively, we will assess those affordability periods but for now it makes sense for us to have the affordability periods where they are in the other programs. We also request the eligibility requirements that are currently there, follow the intent of the original resolution. We worked hard in making sure that those eligibility requirements were there to meet the needs of the folks who will be served by this. We also ask that we be allowed to have additional housing programs and funding on top of affordability unlocked because this will allow us to get the true benefit of this ordinance and achieve our affordable housing goals. Lastly, I just want to say, you know, the Austin housing coalition and housing advocates were fully committed to working on accessible housing. And accessible housing goes beyond looking at just the unit itself but looking really at the transportation, looking at accessible transportation, making sure folks have what they need, and we're excited that upon passage, we'll have the opportunity to work with the community that is working on this and will be affected by this to ensure that we have housing that meets the needs of -- that meets all accessibility needs. And as housing advocates, we're duty-bound to ensure that we meet all reasonable accommodations for all Austinites, and to best serve affordable housing residents. And we're committed to this right now and we hope to continue serving those residents. Again, I thank you all for your leadership and I hope that if you have any questions, you will please reach out to me. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Jenna McPhail will be the next person in turn. Yes.

>> Mayor and council, good afternoon, my name is Mike Gerber, I'm manager of housing works this year and CEO of housing authority of the city of Austin.

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I just wanted to echo on behalf of housing works, our strong support for affordability unlocked. Affordability unlocked will help provide some really important tools to help streamline the process to help Austin address our housing crisis. As we all have talked about over and over when a thousand people a week moving to our city, the need for creative solutions that help cut through some of the red tape and

challenges of development here in our city, this measure can really help T put as much affordable housing on the ground as we can, particularly focusing on low income seniors, families, persons with disabilities and others with special needs. Others have made the case better than I will, but I'll just simply say this is a bold measure, we really appreciate councilmember Casar and others who have helped co-sponsor this measure's leadership to get it to this day. This is an important step to ensuring that more low income people in our community have access to housing and it's with that access to housing that we can provide connections to education and health care and job training and so many other things that help Austin to be the diverse community that we want it to be. So thank you for your support and we hope council will approve this measure today.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. I think earlier I called Gus Peña. He signed up twice. Joah Stevenson. Come on Dow go ahead, please.

>> Hi. My name is Nicole Jocelyn, I'm executive director of the Austin Community Design Development Center and chair of the Austin Housing Coalition. You all have seen me up here previously supporting the resolution, and I'm happy to be here now supporting the ordinance in the current form that councilmember Casar has proposed. I want to thank all the councilmembers, members and staff, for their commitment to maximizing opportunities for affordable housing across the city and for working closely with housing providers and advocates to craft resolution and ordinance that actually works on the ground. We encourage you to keep pushing through these conversations and adopt an effective housing bonus program quickly so we can make the most of our public investments of the housing bond and of the work being done on the ground today.

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As you discussed the ordinance language today, we'd like to provide a few additional thoughts, many of which you've heard already, for your consideration. We request that council waive the minimum site area requirements so allow our housers to produce more affordable units on otherwise unusable single, align affordability periods with other existing city programs, including the housing bond. We request that they maintain the eligibility requirements that reflect the original intent of the resolution to provide flexibility for housing providers to better serve their populations' needs. And we request that you preserve the ability of -- for our housers to be able to layer this tool with other important tools, for them to be able to provide the housing they're providing across the city. And I'd also just like to add that it's so awesome to see so many advocates here today and so many of our allies in support of this resolution, and as you've heard from the testimony today so far and that you'll hear after me, this is really an essential tool for our housers of all kinds to provide housing in all parts of the city, and we need it now in order to meet the needs of our community and to really maximize the housing investments being done today, so thank you so much.

Mayor >> Adler: Thank you. Is Jennifer Hicks here? Go ahead, please.

>> Hi. I'm Jennifer McPhail, I'm a community organizer here, and I'm here today to let you know about Texas has a concern about the parking component because I think that councilmember Casar's recommendation that there be the amount of parking spaces that are required by the law is a start, but we have to recognize that there's such a demand for accessible parking right now that people -- you find

non-disabled people taking the placards from their grandma, their auntie and using it to get a more convenient place to park.

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That's going to happen in the future and there's going to be a greater demand if we are to believe the demographics that we hear, that statistically speaking, the largest growing population in Austin is a population of elderly people. There are elderly people that can't hop on the bus or hop an Uber or hop into a taxicab very easily because they're on oxygen tanks like my mom was. And when you carry around a portable oxygen tank, you get approximately two hours of air to do your daily business. And if you don't have that air available to you, you're going to struggle to breathe. It's not just talking about a matter of convenience to be able to get as close as you can to the entity you're trying to enter or exit. We're talking about saving a person's life or prolonging a person's life and adding to the quality of their life. It's also about -- I saw on Monday, when I was coming home from work, an elderly lady being assisted by the person she came in the car with and two people from a Mexican restaurant on Oltorf, and the waitress was assisting one -- the elderly woman into the restaurant because this woman was so committed to living her daily life, so excited about going out and being like everyone else, that she went through the rain into the restaurant, struggling because she had edema. So she went inch by inch, and I watched for several minutes because I wanted to be respectful and give her her space so she could get in. But an enchilada-loving person loves to be able to be represented by this city and have her needs met just as much as I would as a bus user. And we have to recognize that there are going to be enforcement issues. If you take away the inaccessible park that people are not going to have a place to park their car to be able to unload my wheelchair on an Uber, that's what we do right now.

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I get to side street parking, which means -- I mean that we park on the side of the road so that the Uber can load and unload me --

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-- And what happens a lot of time is I have to unload and load in oncoming traffic. And I don't know if you've ever seen a person in a wheelchair get out of an Uber, but you have to back up, backwards, and you have to hope that the Uber driver is paying attention to their well-being and your well-being because I don't have eyes in the back of my head. So the more accessible parking that there is and the more enforcement that there is of those accessible parking regulations, the better. Thank you.

>> Casar: And, mayor, I'd like to thank Ms. McPhailor coming out and speak to us, and I promise we'll keep talking to you to make things better. I learn every time I get to talk to you, so thank you.

>> Thank you and happy birthday.

>> Casar: Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Is Brian here? You'll be up next. Go ahead.

>> Thank you, mayor and council. I'm Mosiah Stevenson, speaking for myself today. I want to address the urgency of the problems that this is trying to address in our housing crisis, our affordable housing crisis in general. There are a lot of -- we need a lot of tools to address that, and we passed one of them this past November, and we're working on another one of them now. And this ordinance would be a tool that would complement both of those. It's extremely important for amplifying the effect of our bond housing dollars in particular, as you've heard from several people today who are working on projects that are in the pipeline or planning other projects that could benefit from this, that could use the same number of dollars to serve more people once this passes.

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And so that's really important. I'm really glad that this is up today, and I urge you to approve it. I also want to emphasize the lot size and lot -- lot width amendment that's up and encourage to -- to pass that as well, and also to include co-ops because they're a very important form of affordable housing in the city. Thank you so much.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> I'm Jennifer Hic. I'm with True Casa Consulting. I'm excited to be here on what I hope is going to be a momentous day. I dedicated my entire career to the development of mission-based affordable housing, and so I'm here today not only as part of my career but as an affordable housing advocate and as an Austinite. I think, you know, right now, what's just so important is to not hold this up, to keep it moving. There are projects in its pipeline right now that could benefit from affordability unlocked. I think council has done an amazing job of the intentionality of the ordinance as it reads now, and I want to just piggyback on the other advocates that spoke. I'm in favor of the amendments that have been proposed with the site requirements, making the affordability requirements of the city, and those increase, then this would too. I just want to say that a majority of these developments are so -- you know, wearing on so many different layers of funding, and they're very complex and they all come up with their own requirements, and so I think that there's a lot of things that can be woven in, but there's already the requirements that are doing that, so we just want to, you know, take a little pause before we add on too many things.

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So, you know, I just want to say thank you and I'm just excited to get started. So I'm here for any questions, too.

>> Casar: I do have a question.

>> Mayor Adler: Yes, councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: Thanks for your testimony, thank you for helping us put this together in the first place. I remember the first conversation we had about it, and thanks for your career in this work. We have a good handful of amendments on the table, but I did want to ask you about one. I'm generally a proponent about looking at right of first refusal as a possibility in our rental housing but my understanding is that it's not currently a requirement that we set for city dollars, that we currently don't always do that, and we do -- there is an amendment that has been passed out by one of my colleagues to bring the city a right of first refusal for all rental developments that participate in this program. Can you lay out what the good of that might be, where you might have clients or people you've worked with that might have concerns? This would be a new requirement that we don't currently require for rental housing, so since you have a lot of expertise, I would love to hear your thoughts. Yeah. I know there's some other experts in the room, I saw Mr. Gerber is back there. But I think that, you know -- I believe all the affordable housing developers, that would absolutely be an intent and would be, you know, a perfect -- in a perfect world, that would be great for the city of Austin, to have that layered in. I would say, you know, a good chunk of these projects are going to be layered with low-income housing tax credits and that program has its own right of first refusal process, and that's -- that becomes how things get complex because there's people that understand those complexities far more than I can, but that involves investors and public-private partnerships and, you know, giving the right of first refusal nonprofits first, and so it's just a complexity that I think will take some time.

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I don't think it's something that we couldn't get to. But I think it would take time to iron that out. So --

>> Casar: Thank you. I've always found working through that different pieces get more complicated there. May you look into them. I haven't talked to folks who have their rental housing development, for example, on a donor's land or philanthropic partner's land, how that might work. Since it was a requirement, I wanted to get a sense of where we were at on that.

>> There's a lot of different flavors, so just figuring out how all those would overlap, it would just take some time.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Yes, and councilmember Casar, I think you overstated what I was -- what I have in this amendment. It's not a requirement. I'll read it. It says to the extent feasible for rental developments. So I really -- this was very helpful for me to understand, and it sounds like it might be something that we could get to perhaps.

>> Uh-huh.

>> Kitchen: In the future. And that's all this is suggesting. So to the extent feasible. So thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Thank you very much. Go ahead, sir.

>> Hello. My name is Ryan Neil. I've lived in housing cooperatives for about ten years now. Housing co-ops are a form of democratically managed housing, by its tenants. We've found in Austin you can find a co-



op for about 50 to 70% of market housing in that neighborhood, so I know in the work session councilmembers Casar and pool brought some amendments, and I want to thank y'all for bringing those and supporting cooperatives. I think the amendments are aimed at kind of group style housing and I want to point out there are other cooperatives that also have difficulties. I want to point out an additional kind of challenge. I don't think we have to fix today with this resolution, I just want to put it on y'all's radar that there are types of co-ops WHE people, a rporcoion owns the property, that is a corporate co-op owns it, then people own stakes in the business, so there being be confusion about where the ownership lies, so these kind of limited equity, limited ownerip type arrangements.

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I think the confusion comes in that we have this dichotomy of renting versus owning, inc. Co-ops will Oen fit in between these two extremes in ways that can cause challenge if you assume everything is either renting or home ownership. I wanted to throw that out for y'all's consideration and something to work on in the future, and I want to say I think this resolution is going to do well and help out austinites, and I hope y'all pass it today. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Anyone else SNE up that I didn't call on to speak? That gets us back up to the dais. We have a motion in front of us, it's the Orange sheets, without item number 4. Councilmember pool, you want to bring in your amendments? You said you thought that they were easy?

>> Pool: Sure. So you'll see on pool motions 1-4, number 1, we're amending the definition section to include sleeping unit to mean a bedroom in a structure that serves as a dwelling unit for seven or more unrelated individuals who share am ities, such as kitchens, bathrooms, or living are. The second oneligi elity to add item A1C, one or more structures that serve as a dwelling unit for seven or more unrelated individuals who share amenities such as kitchen, bathrooms, or living areas. And those two were adopted by councilmember Casar, and tn we were also working with law on two add onal items, numbers 3 and 4.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let me check on the first. Does anybody have any objection to the first two being included? Hearing ne, those two are included.

>> Pool: And then the two, the first one, number 3 is eligibility, and it's amending section 251722 cn23, this according to our attorneys in the law department, we really need -- we must have this langue.

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It talks about -- it goes back to referring to sleeping units and you'll see those -- those two words inserted four times, in 2a and B, and 3 again, sleeping units. And I'll wait to see --

>> Mayor Adler: Is there an jection to these amendments being included?

>> Pool: Great.

>> Mayor Adler: Hearing none --

>> Pool: We're just pting or sleeping units throughout the code to reflect that usage up at the top and the last one is in affordability requirements --

>> Mayor Adler: Anybody have an objection to this being included? Anybody have an objection? If then I can't tell, councilmember alter, if you're raising your hand or not.

>> Alter: This language is new to me so I'm trying to digest it. I understand the difference between co-ops and dorms, but I'm not -- I'm not sure that I fully understand the implications of this between the difference, and I want to allow cooperatives but I don't want to allow stealth dorms to be popping up as I understand them, and I'm just trying to understand -- I mean, it's within affordable housing project and certified -- I just try to -- I'd like to have the guardrails. I understand the intention and I support the intention, I just want to make sure that what we're putting in here throughout is making sense from that.

>> Pand: Can it would be useful to have Trish link -- is she here? Here she is. She can come up and speak to that. But the certification piece that you mentioned is -- those are the guardrails.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: Yeah, and I think that this is maybe what councilmember Pool asked you to speak to. I think one of the confusions that I had and that others had in reading through this ordinance is that the provision for -- the provision indicating that they need to be receiving -- participating in a vermont-certified program is in 25-1-723, and I guess it would help me and I don't know if this would answer councilmember alter's question.

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Can you please confirm that any project participating in any one of the programs described in this ordinance must be participating in a government-operated affordable housing program?

>> Patricia Link, assistant city attorney. The affordable housing -- affordable housing law does not require participation in a government program for subsidies. However, before anyone can develop under this program, they must receive a certification from the department of housing, neighborhood housing community development that shows, one, that the proposed development will comply with the eligibility requirements, and two, they're going to have to execute an agreement related to this affordability. So the building official or whoever is going to review the site plan would not be able to do that until that certification is in hand.

Tovo: Okay. That's a little bit different. I don't want to hijack somebody else's questions. I have some more questions about that point and the way in which 25-1-723a fits into the different pieces, but I can ask them at the pretty time.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember pool, did you have any more questions? We haven't amendment in front of us here, this is in section 4. Councilmember alter.

>> Alter: I'm not sure -- I'm trying to catch up here on this, but right now, we have a problem with our affordable housing units being accessed by those people who know how to work the system, and I can't tell you the number of graduate students at U.T. That year who are living in our S.M.A.R.T. Housing units and who are doing other things. And what worries about me about this language is what I'm trying to understand because I'm catching up here, I how do I know that this just doesn't allow there to be alternative student arrangements popping up in ways that I don't think is the intention of this resolution.

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And I'm fine with cooperatives as a place, but I'm not sure what the line is between student housing and cooperatives, and I just -- I don't understand the implications of this for those kinds of things. I haven't given it a lot of thought because I didn't see the amendments in time.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember

kitchen. >> Kitchen: Well, I was just going to ask our city attorney, can you help us with what is -- I understand that the requirements that re to the issues around dorms -- is it occupancy limits that address that or maybe that's -- I don't know -- can you help us figure out the difference between this and the kinds of situations that we've addressed in the past around -- I think they're called stealth dorms.

>> Yes so, several years ago council passed an ordinance that amended the code to have -- that changed our dwelling unit occupancy, which is our zoning occupancy limit, to four unrelated individuals in certain parts of town. The other balance if it is, it is six unrelated individuals. This program does not get triggered unless the neighborhood housing community development department suffice that their proposed development will meet this -- meet the eligibility criteria, which means they will be serving the proper households that council has laid out in the ordinance in terms of income, and then from there, they will execute an agreement. So this isn't a situation where a house can suddenly, without going through the development process because of all of the entitlements that come with this, to just switch over.

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Now, the program does not have an occupancy limit based on zoning, so the unrelated individual provision will not apply to any of the developments that are part of this program.

>> Casar: Mayor? >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: So my understanding of what this is intended to do, we just funded during our first a housing finance corporation meeting a cooperative that is affordable. And the reason that it wouldn't be able to participate in this is because it is one building, one unit, where the majority of the rooms rented within that cooperative are affordable, but it's one building. And so what councilmember pool's amendment

does that it says in those sorts of situations where it's one building and it's rented by the room, you would have to have a majority of those rooms rented at an affordable rate, certified by the city. However, we cannot, not only we should not, we legally cannot structure any of our zoning to apply or not apply to students because our non-discrimination ordinance protects students as a protected class and we should not say we're building certain kinds of housing for certain kinds of people. So what this does, it forces on the structure, saying if a building has a majority of its rooms rented at an affordable rate and that it's certified by the city and there's a contract that can be enforced for 40 years, then it will work with you, that way, things like the co-op that we just worked with could actually take advantage of this. And someone just building a large single-family house to be rented out by the room, I don't think, is largely going to be stepping up and saying I'm ready to offer half of my rooms to low income people and promise to do so for 40 years, and if they do, then I imagine that they are most likely a housing cooperative that is working with a nonprofit status, most likely working to provide housing for low income people and not discriminating for or against

students. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember

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Tovo. >> Tovo: So I think -- I think one concern I have is that councilmember pool, on Tuesday, you talked about -- I thought I heard you say you bringing forward an amendment that was going to talk about -- was going to define co-op in terms of the mechanisms that define co-ops. And now we're talking about it as sleeping units which I do have -- I do have some concerns about. But I think stepping back, you know, I thought that those concerns were resolved when my staff talked with housing this morning and they came away with the impression that all projects did need to have -- did need to comply with 25-1-723. And so I'm really -- then as I look at the ordinance did you unders, let me just say, I have brought forward resolutions related to co-ops, I think we should encourage them, I think they're a great mechanism, I've got at least one in my district that's been there for several decades and functions really well. I've got lots in west campus. I mean, these are a very good affordable housing mechanism. I have no desire to prevent or to do anything other than encourage co-ops. But I am concerned -- I am concerned that we make sure we don't have loopholes in there for electricity-profit developers who are going to use these provisions in -- in ways that we don't anticipate. Just as a fundamental question, I'm trying to figure out as I look at this ordinance, why they wouldn't all have to qualify -- why they wouldn't all have to be 25-1-237a because if you look at it -- if you look at 25-1-722 eligibility, it says they have to meet the requirements set forth in 25-1-723. Then when it goes to the tier 2, or type 2, it said it needs to meet the standards imposed in subsections a and B, one of which was that they come within 25-1-723.

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So as I read -- I mean as I read it and bounce baskets it seems to me they all need to comply with 25-1-723a.

>> So if I can clarify, in the resolution, the direction was to not make participation in a government subsidized program an eligibility criteria. They will have to meet the affordability, but the provisions, because this is actually repeated several times in the ordinance, is that if there is a developer who is complying with a program that is stricter than what we are requiring, they are complying with thisancein so, for examp, if it's one of th properties that have stricter requirements for their affordability or for their reporting or mix of units, whatever the situ migon be, they are required to follow their program, because we don't want to do anything to conflict with that, and if it'sicter than what we've required, then they are in compliance with this program.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember pool.

>> Tovo: Okay. I guess I would say --

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: I have an amendment copying forwardater. I can -- for the moment put aside my concerns wh these if we are able to adopt the amendment that I have aboutmaking sure that we have a review process that captures some of this information so at unan annual basis we're looking to M se this program is being utilized by people who are creating affordable housing and not creating market-rate housing under these eitlentnts.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. We'll get to your amendment later.

>> Tovo: I know.

>> Mayor Adler: We can reconsider earlier --

>> Tovo: I'm chatting about this one. These provisions cause me some concern, and I'm just noting that -  
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>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: That.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember pool.

>> Pool: So I started out with the word "Cooperatives" and in talking with law was asked to substitute that word for "Sleeping units."

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Could I have assistant city attorney explain why law was recommending the use that have term. I'm sure it makes sense.

>> Mayor Adler: Go ahead, legal.

>> In terms of eligibility, the way we've described it is based on the number of dwelling units that you're providing, and to go from a dwelling unit to describing whats essentially a financial funding mechanism

for what people refer to a lot of times as cohousing was concerning from just making sure that we're sticking to capturing the living spaces that the providers are required to provide. We went to sleeping units because when I use the word "Bedroom," we already have bedroom for dwelling units so to be clear we're clarifying a bedroom that is rented in essentially a co-op -- because we do have nonstudent co-ops here in the city as well. They are still eligible to participate in the program. So we're focusing on the structure that provides a sleeping unit and shared amenities.

>> Pool: And then the work that I did with you in order to make sure that we didn't inadvertently open the door for the stealth dorm situation that I think we all agree is not a benefit, not a good use of structures, how did we achieve that? The planist limit in 511 is really what helped address what folks refer to as the stealth dorm problem. We want to continue to apply to a development unless they are participating in this program. If they participate in this program they have to be certified by the department that they are meeting all of the eligibility requirements and they are executing an agreement that says they're going to come with our affordability requirements and then go through the process at various services.

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>> Pool: I was thinking it might be helpful for this conversation to make sure we're really clear in the definitions, which was the top amendment that I was making, the definitions define the sleeping unit means a bedroom in a structure that serves as a dwelling unit. I -- you know, it's a little awkward, the terminology, but we were trying to keep away from approving this as a financial structure. That's not what this is about. Our esteemed city attorney urged sleeping units as a way to differentiate.

>> Mayor Adler: I understand where we are. Continuing the conversation, we're on number 4 on this yellow page. Councilmember Kitchen.

>> Kitchen: M -- I understand the concerns that people are all raising but it would seem to me that this could be easily addressed by defining it and, you know, perhaps that is done through the certification process because what I hear -- what I hear you saying is that, you know, they have to go through a certification process, and so I think if I understood correctly that what you were meaning was that in the certification process, you know, if there was an entity really falling in -- I hate to use that word "Stealth dorms," but I don't know what else to call it. Pardon?

>> Off mic ]

>> Kitchen: Yeah. If I heard you correctly, was I hearing you say that that issue could be addressed through the certification process? Is that what I was hearing?

>> So before they could process any applications with development services, they would have to receive the certification that they meet the eligibility requirements, which means they're gonna serve certain households, certain income, they have -- I should know this list by heart.

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>> Kitchen: That's all right-

>> But those requirements?

>> Kitchen: I know what you're talking about, but the problem we're having is distinguishing the difference between Tse requirements because they sound the same as what would occur with the kinds of student housing that we've been talking about. I don't see a distinction between them.

>> An example would be let's assume the code department receives a complaint about over occupancy at a property. In that conversation they go out to the property and the property was constructed after 2014 or 2015 subject to four unrelated individuals. In that circumstance they can reach out to the property owner and say your property is overoccupied because you have seven unrelated individuals there and the property owner's response can be, no, I'm participating in the city's affordability unlocked program and I can have seven unrelated individuals.

>> Kitchen: Right.

>> If they are not, then they are in violation of the city's occupancy limit.

>> Kitchen ok: So basically students can participate -- housing for students could participate in the program?

>> Correct. We're not differentiate between who owns the property.

>> Kitchen: right, okay. So I just want us to all understand that this language, if we're doing this language for cooperatives, it's not what we're doing with this language. Because this language is broader than cooperatives. And I still don't understand why we can't define cooperatives. I understand that what we're trying to do is speak to sleeping units, but I don't understand why we can't add a sentence or a clause or something for this particular aspect of it to say that -- because what we've said before is eligibility is the more or more dwelling units, only affordable dwelling units, or, and that we're trying to say is a cooperative.

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I don't understand why we can't say one or more structures that serve as a dwelling unit for seven or more unrelated individuals participating in a cooperative or something like that. I don't see -- I don't understand why can't get at right what we're trying to achieve.

>> So one challenge we have with that is we have multiple properties within our city that are operated by Oxford House and similar --

>> Kitchen: Right.

>> -- Companies. They are not cooperative but have more than seven unrelated individuals residing in the property. Say if it's Oxford House or equivalent that and they're providing those at an affordable rate

that complies with what the code says, then they will qualify and so we are, again, not distinguishing based on who owns the tyer and not regulating and defining a use based on who owns the property.

>> Kitch: Okay. This allows us to do more than cooperatives, which is what we're saying we want to do because we have circumstances like the oxford house in the community, right?

>> Thers the potential for that, yes.

>> Kitchen: All right. I just wan to make sure and be leer what we're doing here because this is not limited to cooperatives. So- -

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember alter.

>> Alter: I think I would like to be able abstain on these four amendments. I'm not comfortable with the level of specificity. I don't know that other people share my concern but I'm notully understanding of the implications and I don't want to hold up the rest of the staff. I'd rather not deal with this particularrape active issue within this so that we can make sure that this moves forward, but if that is not shared by other folks on the dais I would at least like the opportunity not to vote for this section. There just seems to be unanswered questions here and a lot of potential unintended consequences F this at this time.

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>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Yes, councilmember tovo.

>> Tovo: Yeah I'd like to work to get to something that think addresses the concern. And so you mentioned oxf house. Is that -- and I'm having trouble pulling it up. Is it a nonprofit? Mean, what would be -- how would we describe -- its S to me we have used definitions of cooperatives in the past and I just emailed my staff to ask the to send us one. I think if we tie this to a definition of cooperative and allow for whatever kind of structure oxford house is, assume it's a nonprofit if they're able to have housing that's affordable --

>> So the example -- and I referenced a particular company out of not wanting to reference sober homes, so we have our sober homes here in our community that happen to be run and they have affordable and they would qualify for hi then they would be eligible. When we've talked about cooperatives, in my experience when we've talked about cooperatives from the dais, it's generally been as the example today where you funded those two cooperatives. Again, you're funding an ownership or a financing mechanism as opposed to the -- you're not regulating who owns the property and who would be eligible based on ownership.

>> Tovo: While I understand that. I guess we had -- I believe, like, a multi-task force and planning commission. I mean, this communi and this city spent years, several years Alice, trying -at least trying to figure out to stem the student of what became called high occupancy housing. There were several streets, councilmember Casar, in your district and mine as well where one after another ter aafther I'd see demolition of house and what came in its place and the kinds of ways in which those properties were being used would create a situation where the house next to it would then go up for sale.



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And the only mechanism that was determined to be able to try to discourage that particular kind of redevelopment was occupancy limitation, which we're waiving here. So I think that if -- I ally think that we should figure out a way to define co-op within this and if there's a way we can make space, too, for sober homes and the other housing you're describing -- what you're saying about certification makes sense to me, but then we have -- once they're past that certification the only method of monitoring is to call code compliance and your counsel office, which, gollies, I get a whole lot of calls already from people asking us to monitor something that -- where people are using the properties outside of the able regulations and ordinances. So I just have to rely on that kind of mechanism for making sure that, again, that for-profit developers aren't utilizing this. So I don't know if the intention is to pass this on first reading or three readings today, but, one, I think we could resolve this if we just describe the kind of ownership model even though there's somewhat of a reluctance to do that but if we describe the ownership models that would be contained within these provisions then I think we've managed that issue.

>> Casar: Mayor.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: I want to get us out of this thick end because I think this was intended to try to be an easy amendment. If we wanted to add the word "In a cooperative living arrangement" at the end of the "Sleeping unit" definition would we have to take that into executive session or no? If the answer is yes --

>> I think the answer is yes. We're really trying to talk to carefully about fair housing law. If you want to skip this and go to something else that would be okay too.

>> Mayor Adler: Skip this and come back to it.

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We passed three and we have the fourth one that's still pending. Do we want to --

>> Alter: Actually, mayor, I asked if we could have a vote on the four --

>> Mayor Adler: We haven't entertained a vote to reconsider yet. The status of where we are right now, we have included three things, which we could certainly undo but right now we've added three things and we're on the fourth. That's where we are procedurally right now.

>> For now I'd rather take a vote on all of them and move on.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Tie them all up for a vote? Yes. The answer to that is no. We have three that are in and we have one that's pending in front of us right now. Mr. Flanagan.

>> Flannigan: Is it in order to Che Q tstion on this? Because I'm with councilmember Casar, I think we just got to take a vote and move on. >>Ayor Adler: Does anybody object to taking a vote on this fourth one?

>> I have a qstioue

>> Mayor Adler: Your question? It's not debate. It's a question on the motion to end debate,hi is what's in front of us now?

>> Kitchen: I have a question on the content of what we're voting on.

>> Mayor Adler: Not quite yet. There's a motion in front of us to end debate. Takes two-thirds of people to end debate on this question and we're debating the fourth amendment. Let's tang -- take a vote. Those inavor F-

>> Tovo: [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: It's not a debatable motion.

>> Pool: When you say the 4:00 amendment --

>> Mayor Adler: It takes two-thirds to pass a vote to endebate.

>> Pool: It's all four of mine, right?

>> Mayorer:dlight. Three have already been included. We are now concerning number 4 it. We can go back a reconsider the earlier action but we can't pretend like it didn't hpen because it happened. All right. We are now on the fourth one. Those in favor of ending debate please raise your hand. Those opposed to ending debate. Two against -- three against dengen debate, others voting to end debate. Debate is ended. Elettes now take a vote on item number 4.

>> Alter: 85 make a motion to reconsider one, two, three then.

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>> Mayor Adler: You can come there in just a second. You can't do that in the middle of this vote. So that -- certainly we can have a vote to reconsider later. What's in front of us right now is taking a veotn amendment number 4. Those in favor of amendment number 4 --

>> You have a question.

>> Mayor Adler: Go ahead.

Lann Fan: Mayor, I thought we ended debate.

>> Mayor Adler: It's got to be procedu gl, to relate to the vote, not the subject matter.

>> Kitchen: I have -- I wanted to discuss the subject matter --

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. What I'm gonna suggest, we're gonna take this vote because that's where we are. But it's going to be in order for someone to raise a motion to reconsider and they can move to reconsider this entire page or this does pass and reconsider

[indiscernible] But we have ended debate for the purpose of taking a vote. Yes, councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: No. I think we have asked. We've ended debate. There's been a call for a vote on this fourth amendment. That's where better.

>> Tovo: [Off mic]

>> Mayor Adler: And you have the opportunity to come back and amend this afterwards the same way we amend other documents. You'll still be able to procedurally do everything you want to do. Take a vote. Those in favor fourth amendment please raise your hand. Those opposed to this amendment. Tovo voting no. The abstaining, kitchen and pool abstaining. Kitchen, pool, and alter abstaining. Councilmember Tovo voting no. The ayes have it, all our amendments have been passed on this. We're still now considering this item. Councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: Again, I guess I need to have a sense of whether we're trying to pass this on three readings. Otherwise I'd like to make an amendment.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Is it on this same sun area? Let's hold off amendments until we go back in executive session, which I think was the question. We want to do that?

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Or do we want to hear amendments on this? Okay. Councilmember Tovo make your amendment

>> Tovo: Though, again, we don't need to do this -- we don't need to sort this all out today if we're passing this on first reading only.

>> Casar: Mayor, my motion for all three readings.

>> Tovo: Then I would like to provide direction to staff that they construct a provision tying these to cooperative housing with a standard definition as well as other -- let me leave it there for a minute.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Tovo says direction to staff that this should be applied in a way that ties it to cooperative housing. Is there objection to that direction being provided?

>> Casar: I'm generally fine with it. I don't know what it means, what the direction means relative to the ordinance?

>> Mayor Adler: I think probably it would be something staff would take into account to the degree they were coming up with their regulations to implement the ordinance.

>> Tovo: That wasn't my dment. My amendment was actually asking them to construct aniti in the same way they have for the other standard definitions in the beginning and actually crafting language tying these provisions to that definition that appears earlier.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

>> Tovo: So in definitions 2015 171, use standard definition for cooperative housing and in there -- in the amendments councilmember pool has added refer back to that standard definition. Let me just say, you know, we talk about -- sometimes we spend time here at council talking about issues for longer than I want to as well but when we're all earnestly trying to meet some of the constituent concerns we've heard and really make sure that this works well and we're doing so in a productive and sincere manner, I hope we can avoid ending debate in the middle of that.

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That seems not terribly courteous.

>> Mor Adler: There's an amendment that's in front of us to add a definition of okay. Units and tie eligibility to cooperative uni. Is there a second to that? Councilmember pool seconds that. Is there any discussion?

>> Pool: Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Yes, councilmember pool.

>> Pool: That is -- that was intent throughout this, and that's how I've been speaking about it from the very beginning. I would like to press on the definition with our legal staff to see if they can't craft the kind of definition that would make all of us here more comfortable that the intent of what we are passing ISD goes to be operationalized. I changed the language in this from the terminology at the direction of -- at the urging of our attorneys, and so I'm not real happy about that but I can see that this is really tripping up a goodly number of us here so I do think we need revisit that.

>> Mayor Adler: My sense --

>> Casar: Mayor, was going to make a motion to -- co-ops was also my intent but given what we've heard I'd move to table this until after executive session on the issue.

>> Mayor Adler: We could do that. We can do whatever the will is. I'm comfortable moving forward with the language proposed by councilmember pool because I think it goes to the substance. What we're saying here is no one gets to do this unless they're providing a certain none of housing at an affordability level we want to have so if something like this happens that is able to achieve that at a level that we're going for, then I think we would do it. The only issue is the one that councilmember Tovo raised, which is how do we enforce this. And I think that's an important issue. I don't know that we have to decide that question now, but that's an enforcement issue which I think we could certainly come back to. So I'm fine going into executive session. For me I would vote in favor of this because it achieves the purpose of it, recognizing there's still work we need to do to do that but quite faithful we have an enforcement issue lots of

places in the city with respect to how we're crafting affordability issues and the number of units that are going to be -- and what the entitlements I and I don't want not to do those things over that.

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I think we need to find how we're going to enforce it but I would let this move forward as the vols moved forward recognizing we need to make sure we both can calibrate and enforce everything we're doing D but it is the will of the council. Councilmember Kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I think this can be done in a way that's not slowing anything down. I mean, I don't think that anyone is attempting to do that. What I heard councilmember Tovo suggesting was direction to staff, and that direction can be -- we can still pass this ordinance with that direction, and that can be addressed by coming back to us at a later date to amend this ordinance or it could be addressed by incorporating those -- incorporating that definition in the rule-making process. This ordinance allows for a rule-making process. It says there will be one. So I don't think that -- I think that the -- but I think it's important from staff to understand if we're giving them direction or not, which is all councilmember Tovo is suggesting in her amendment.

>> Mayor Adler: That was okay with me but when I repeated it that way what I understood councilmember Tovo to say was no, she wanted to do more, she didn't want staff to have to come back.

>> Kitchen: Maybe I misunderstood.

>> Mayor Adler: But that would be fine with me, too. You know, I have no problem for me giving direction to staff saying try to craft an amendment to this ordinance that comes back, gives us greater detail on this. Personally I'd be fine giving that direction as well. I am uncomfortable making something part of an ordinance that we don't have any words on it and the ordinance language itself is a direction, just because I don't know how that works.

>> Tovo: Mayor.

>> Mayor Adler: Yes.

>> Tovo: When you restated it you said that D be one of the things that -- as I'm remembering it, this is obviously not your language because I'm doing it by memory, but what I heard you say was something like the St could take it into consideration as they craft the regulations, and I would like a more firm direct so, obviously, it's very -- we don't have ordinance language, and I don't know if it's even appropriate to pass direction to staff to craft language to put in an ordinance if we haven't seen it.

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I agree with you but I'm running out of options here. If we have to -- if there's an interest in passing it on three readings and we're trying to come up with a fix D there's not -- it sounds like maybe much of an interest in going back to an executive session where we could ask staff to help us craft this language --

>> Mayor Adler: I'd be fine with that too. I'm fine stopping, if you want to withdraw that amendment, let's not close things down yet, let's handle the other amendments we have. People maybe could be thinking about that or we could take area R right now and go back into executive session on this issue. I'm fine with any of those things. And my intent was not to make it a consideration for staff but to figure out how to do that because I think our intent is the same, and I don't know if it's an affordability issue or definitional issue but I'm not sure we'll be able to figure that out on the dais.

>> Tovo: I think we need assistance.

>> Mayor Adler: You have an amendment in front of us right now. Kind of. Because it doesn't quite have language to it so I'm not exactly sure what to do with it.

>> Tovo: Maybe councilmember alter a suggestion.

>> Alter: Sonkhi I we all agree on what we're trying to achieve. It's a question of whether it achieves it with the

language. >> Mayor Adler: Right.

>> Alter: What I'm wondering is if we could add to one of these in the appropriate place "And it is a cooperative" and then provide direction to staff to define cooperative and a rules process or to come back with us with an amendment that defines cooperative in future so that we don't have to hold it hostage but I'm not sure exactly which one we would do that.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's do this. Let's take a break right now, go back into executive session because the question of adding the words "Cooperative" seem to be what Ann was reacting to a second ago. That's what I heard that to be. So let's just go back, hear what that is, and maybe that will give us some clarity. So it is 4:24. We're gonna take a recess for a few minutes and go back in executive session.

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And we're gonna be discussing legal issues related to this item pursuant to 551.071 of the local government code.

[ Executive session ]

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>> Mayor Adler: All right. It is still May 9th but it is now 4:58. We have half an hour. We're back to considering this item. I think we're going to wait to get back to the -- councilmember Tovo's issue, we're

going it until someone has wording available. Should we go ahead and consider the next amendment while we're waiting for that? Let's go ahead and do that. So we've got through pool's, councilmember Tovo's working on that language. Councilmember Kitchen, do you want to bring up yours?

>> Tovo: I'm withdrawing my amendment and I think there will be another solution. Hopefully.

>> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Councilmember Kitchen, do you want to bring up your amendments?

>> Kitchen: Sure. The first one ring up will be the direction, and that is it's in response to the testimony we had recently from Jennifer McPhail with adapt and it's direction. It's not a language in the ordinance. And what it says is direct the city manager and the housing, transportation and development services staff to work with T disability community including the Austin office of adapt of Texas to discuss and develop recommendation addressing issues relating to the parking availability provision of part 5 and to return to council with such findings and recommendations at the June 20th council meeting. What this boils down to is it relates to -- what we're saying in here is that we are allowing the President-Elect to not have the parking minimums and we're providing for hinged accessible spaces, so the concern that was raised just had to do with enforceability about the use of accessible spaces by folks who -- the inappropriate use of accessible spaces. So I think it's worth a conversation, this is an organization that is raising a concern for us.

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It's worth a conversation with them. We are already going to be considering how we go forward with the enforceability. So this simply just put some structure around that and makes it clear that we're going to have that conversation and return to the council with the results of the conversation. So that's what this direction is about. So I wanted move passage of this ordinance.

>> Mayor Adler: Is there any objection to this direction? Hearing none this direction is added. Do you have anything else, Ann? >>

>> Kitchen: I apologize I didn't number these, but this one is a new part C. And this goes to conversations we've had out about the enforceability. Process and penalties. It's a new part 6 under the section that says post construction requirements and penalty. It's designed to track the way that this ordinance has been set up so it's aligned with the way we proceed with enforcement and that is -- it says the city shall enter into an agreement and we've already said in other places in this ordinance that there will be an agreement. So says the city shall enter into an agreement with each qualifying development. So it tracks that purpose of doing an agreement. And then it sets out -- it clarifies one of the purposes the agreement is to ensure compliance with enforceability. And then it sets out provisions to include in that agreement. So the first ones for owner-occupied housing, granting the city of right of refusal for purchase of the property upon sale. The second one we talked about earlier, and councilmember Casar, I appreciate the questions you ask because it helps me understand the complexities around that. And I had put the language to the extent feasible, I'm certainly willing to make that clear if it's not clear.

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My point with that was simply for it to be considered. I unstade that it may not be possible or visible because of the complexities that were discussed, and it also may not be something that could even B done in the near term. Tbu it's there to be considered. The third is provisions related to penalties for repeated violations and the reason I put that there is because what we have in the ordinance is language about penalties, but we don't have language about, well, what do we do with someone -- an entity that repeatedly violents? So this just says that the STA should figure out what those provisions are and put it in there. And the last one is open-ended to allow for other provisions that the city may deem appropriate.

>> Casar: Mayor, I have no objection to any part of part 6 except I'd like discussion a a potential vote on number 2, but I -- owe.

>> Mayor Adler: Is there any objection to adding the beginning paragraph and points 1, 3 and 4? No objection to those? Then those are included. Let's now discuss number 2. Councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: Mayor, I'd like

[indiscernible] To come up because heorked on this with the housing coalition. We're here talking on behalf of the broader group, is that right?

>> Yes, on behalf of the Austin housing coalition. I serve on the advocacy committee of the housing corps Austin.

>> Casar: We work with a variety of providers to house tenants with disabilities, big, small, and I never had a chance to talkbout a them whether or not right of first refusal works for all of them. Did y'all discuss right of rst refusal whether that works for anybody inour Y process?

>> Frankly, this was one of the things that we did not get to discuss today when it came up.

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So some of T members who were here we just had a brief sort of chat on it, but it was not a conversaon that we have been able toave among all the housing advocates, includine housing coalition. And I would just -- in reflecting on what Jennifer had said, I think it's aspirational and I think it's a goal that we all need to be focusing on. Yes, it's something we can think of as a good policy, but frankly at this moment it's hard to satisfies what the I am -- assess what the impact would be. The low income housing tax credit, we might have some provisions else. It's hard tooces a without talking to folks.

>> Casar: Mayor, for now my preference would be not to include this understanding that I think we have an ongoing process with the housing community about our bondjects, about our overall requirements, and if we end up having right of first refusal included, then we should include it here and can include it everywhere. But I jus don't want to include it here not having even had the conversation and knowing what the problems could. And I recognize it has the words to the extent feasible, but my understanding



is its generally always legally feasible for us to write it in. And I just don't know in every situation where that ends up making something not work and so thashy I just would rather not include number two because to me it seems like creating a nequirement specifically for this program that wasn't discussed with that broad table of premium providing housing.

>> Mayor Adler: You added the last O asking the staff to am could back in June. Should we add this for things they could come back and talk to us about?

>> Kitchen: We could. Let me ask if you think that's sethiom that the housg community would be interested in having a conversation about?

>> I think it's definitely something we could have a sanvon about. I'm sorry, if I could add one other thing. It is to say we hope that the changes then would not be pertaining to one ordinance or one program, but really would then be applied or address multiple housing programs as an aspiraal goal.

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>> Kitchen: So. So we could take it out of this one and add the direction in.

>> Mayor Adler: Any direction to that happening? So number 2 is happening in a direction section --

>> Casar: Meaning it's not in the ordinance. It is instead added the direction of staff on what to bring back.

>> Mayor Adler: Cam back June.

>> Casar: For the clerk, number 2 is not in the ordinance. >>Ayor Adler: Okay. Anything else? Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: Oh. I did have another one THA my staff is working on. Weoticed -- and I apologize, we just noticed this --

>> Mayor Adler: Is it ready yet? Should I go to somebody else?

>> Kitchen: To somebody else. Okay. Councilmember tovo, did you have something?

>> Tovo: Yes.I'll take up number 3 first. I referenced it earlier. This is to provide additional direction to staff. I think theres language in there about coming back and providing information, but this would -- is lth all a knosps sage. Just asking staff to come back a year from adoption of this ordinance with the following information. The applicants who have utilized it, the location of the projects, the number of affordable units and the total units created in each, the number of households, residents housed, at what levels offfor ability and the bedroom mix for both the affordable and the the market rate units in each complex. That would allow us to assess who is using it, where they're using it.

>> Mayor Adler: Any objection to including this direction? Hearing none, this direction is included. Anything else? Councilmember tovo?

>> Tovo: Yes.

>> Alter: I had relate direction. I had some related direction that was related to that.

>> Mayor Adler: Is this something you've handed out.

>> Alter: I haven't handed it out, but I will. I will F it and come back.

>> Adlor: Okay. Councilmember tovo, did you have something else?

>> Tovo: Yes, motion sheet number 1 adds the language, may not -- adds the languagethat -- to 211722 that in multi-family development projects, the ding units would not be used for short-term rental use.

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In line -- we had a conversa autti that on Tuesday.

>> Mayor Adler: A language on this Bein included? Is there --

>> Harper-madison: I do have an objection to the language.

>> Mayor Adler: We had four or five people object. Councilmember pool seconds it. Do you want to discuss it first?

>> Tovo: I did. This ordinance is designed to maximize our affordable housing dollars to maximize affordable housing units and do think it's appropriate Ven the kinds of provisions that we E waiving to make posble the construction of units affordable and otherwise that these not be used as hotel rooms in what should otherwise be used as housing. And again, it's not impacting. We had a discussion on Tuesday about not wanting to restrict type 1. I'm in complete agreement. This doesn't prove a property owner from renting out their property as a type 1, but that would prese those multi-family units from becoming short-term rental units, which I think again is appropriate and responsive to what I understand to be the mission of maximizing affordable housing units.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar and then councilmember Flannigan.

>> Casar: So the reason that I'm just going to vote no on on this one is because the N a multi-family development only 25% can be rented out short-term. Those would not be the affordable units. I don't know of any developmt that does this, but potently someone could say I'm going to rent 75% of my units out to low income people and 25% would be short-ter rentals. That would be complying with thlaw. And if that 25% helped pay for making sure that low inco people have a place to live, I have no problem with that. However, since I don't know of anybody doinghat, I don't think this is that big of a deal one way or the other, but in the end to me the short-term rental units are obviously not affordable and so they would still have to be providing low income housing andhis told be banning an affordable housing developer from pontyia utilizing a program that frankly every market rate deloper out there currently case.

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So that's ultimately why I voting no because I think right now if you are a for-profit market rate corporation you're allowed to do short-term rental units, but that would be banning an affordable using developer from having some of their units be that.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Flannigan.

>> Flannigan: I have a similar thou on that, but just to put a fine point to it, do we through str's of any kind in income restricted units? Does the agreement you sign to get into a restrict unit allow you to do an str now?

>> Lauren after veeioly, neighborhood housing and urban development. For our projects through the rental housing and development assistance program, we do place restrictions on the affordable units that we are funding, and we have requirements for leaseshat basically preclude yourom F doing short-term rentals in those affordable units.

>> Flannigan: I'm convinced that the affordable units should not have str's. And it sounds like we pretty take care of that. And maybe it couple bd strengthened in some way, but if you'reaying for a market rate unit you shouldn't be precluded from the same regulations that apply T all market rate units.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kitchen: I think that allowing str's in a multi-family development in this kind of program is inconsistent with the priorities W just talked Abt last week under the land development code, we talked about the importance. We went so far as to say we wanted more missing middle and more multi-family. We went really far, which was a good thing in terms of talking about how much more units we needed in our communy.it so to say now that under -- particularly under this program, to say now that market rate unit can just -- member, we're talking type we are not talking about str's where the owner rts out their property.

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We are talking about a development essential-ly essentially using units like a hotel. Why in the world would we want to do that when we just set -- I just don't understand that particularly for this program when we se- and it really just doesn't matter to meat T everyone else can do that right now. That didn't stop us from making the changes we did last week on the land development code. Of what we said was we need to M changes in our community. We have 135,000 times three units that we need to meet. We want more missing middle, we want more -- and we want them in the places that this isoiing to be. And one of the things that this program does is it talks about the difference of a half mile or quarter mile, quarter mile from corridors. Why aren't we protecting that for people to have places to live? So it makes no sense to me not to include this kind of ban. And I want to thank councilmember tovo for bringing it.

>> Mayor Adler: It's been moved and seconde further discussion? Councilmember harper-madison.

>> Harper-Madison: While I appreciate that particular perspective, I want to bring up we had the opportunity recently to look at work being done in New Orleans, really, really creative methods of addressing affordable housing. And here's a couple of projects that are using type 3 Ss to subsidize their affordable housing. Goals. So I just don't want us to lose the opportunity to be a part of any project that is going to help us achieve our goals for creating more affordable housing. So if there's some career approaches that use strata type 3 strata, then I don't want us to not have that option. So that's my opposition to this particular amendment. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Tovo moves an amendment. Discussion subpoena. Yes, councilmember Ellis.

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>> Ellis: I'm in agreement with some of the sentiments we've been hearing. The reason that short-term rentals are so popular is we have a shortage of housing. And people are making sure they have enough money to pay their taxes. And trying to create affordable housing but not allowing builders to use every tool in the toolbox I think is detrimental. So if we are allowing people to have percentages of affordable housing, I think we should allow the with those other units to further off site and help people who need affordable housing by being allowed to charge like a market rate that works more for a short-term or hotel, you know, daily rate, market rate. I think that helps with affordability, it doesn't hurt it.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Everybody has had a chance to talk. Let's take a vote. Those in favor of councilmember Tovo's amendment please raise your hand. Alter, Tovo, kitchen and pool. Those opposed? The balance of the day. Does it pass 4-7. Further discussion? Any other amendments? Councilmember Tovo.

>> Tovo: Yeah. I had one that I'll just lay out quickly. It is -- I think I need to distribute it. You can go on to somebody else.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Alter

>> Alter: So I'm going to do the direction I had before and I'm working on getting my proposed language to address the issue from earlier down here so that you can read it. But my direction kind of built on what councilmember Tovo had where she asked for staff to provide information one year on. I wanted to add some requests for analysis to come with that data. So in work session we discussed the importance of things that we had reporting, the original resolution called for an annual report on the impact and costs of the program. I want to make sure that when the staff come back with the data on that annual basis that they not only indicate the household types that this program created opportunities for, but to the greatest extent possible under the fair housing act that also offer any recommendations to us on whether they think we need to make adjustments to better target particular household types for demographics.

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We have a lot housing ndsee and we may find rather --

>> Mayor Adler: I'm having trouble wa there wording that you had?

>> Alter: The wording is really just to -- to offer us any recommendations on whet we think to make adjust men's to better target particularly household types or demographics moving forward. >>Or

Aayer: Would you repeat that, please?

>> Alter: Torovide any recommendations to us on whether they think we need to make adjustments to better target particular household types or demographics to the extent LE uiber the fair housing act.

>> Mayor Adler: Anybody have any objection with including that language? Can we hear it again? I think people need to hear it again.

>> Alter: Okay.

>> Mayor Adler: Is this number six that's being added to tovo's language?

>> Alter: Sure.

[Laughter]. We don't alwaywrite down direction. So I apologize. To provide a new recommendations -- to us on whether they think we need to make austments to better target particular household types or demographics to the greatest extent possible under the fair housing act.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Hang on one second. Let's do it in pieces. Any have an objection to including that? Hearing none, that's included. Go ahead.

>> Alter: And then the second page of subanalysis has to doh the types of developers that are coming back. I would like them to reported whether this program is working best for existing non-profit providers or for-profit providers or whether it brings new actors into the income restrictedousi H market.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Any objection to including that? I'm sorry?

Harper-madison: Would you mind repeating that language?

>> Alter: I will try. I would like them to tells to whether this program is working best for existing n-profit providers or forfo profit providers or whether it brings new actors into the income restricted housing mket.

>> Mayor Adler: Any objection to -- hang on a second.

[Multiple voices] While we have the words in front of us, any objection to those words being included?

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Hearing none, Tse words are included. Yes, councilmember Ellis.

>> Ellis: Mr. Mayor, I would like to offer another friendly amendment to this action that says development and parking exceptions utilized by each project just so we can see exactly which portions of these bonuses are helping which development and how parking is interplaying with all this as it plays out in realtime?

>> Mayor Adler: This is another time to include in the report a year from now?

>> Ellis: Yes.

>> Mayor Adler: Say it again.

>> Ellis: Development and parking exceptions utilized by each project.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Any objection to getting a report back on the development exceptions that -- parking exceptions utilized? Hearing none that's included as well. Okay. Anybody have anything else?

>> Tovo: The one I just handed out.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Tovo.

>> Mayor.

>> Tovo: In this we had an opportunity to talk about the other day and -- where did I put it? Again, I had asked for some kind of model development to see what programs -- how many units we could potentially be not getting by allowing the units double count in two different density bonus programs. So I don't know that I have an example of that from our staff, but I would just ask them -- ask them if they have one.

>> Erica Leak, neighborhood housing department. We did look into it, though because of the variability related to all of the existing programs, it's really difficult to come up with any firm numbers so we considered the U.N.O. Density bonus program area where it seemed much more likely that they would develop using only the U.N.O. Density bonus program because adding the requirements of this program to go along with that program would be a major disincentive and would not provide additional -- significant enough additional benefits and anyone would do it, unless they asked for significant subsidy, also because of the highland costs in that.

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We did take a look at it, but I think getting to any definitive answer on that question would be very challenging.

>> Tovo: Here's what I'll do. I would like to add to my amendment from earlier that asked for a report back that question of -- so what are we up to, number 7?

>> Eight.

>> Tovo: Identification developments that participated in more than one density bonus program, and the number of units they would have created if they had met the requirements for both, for each one

individually. I'll have to look back. If you are going to ask me to say that again I will have to look at the closed captioning.

>> May Adler: Any objection to those words being included? Hearing none, they are included.

>> Tovo: Let me add a nine, if I may, and that is the identification of any developments that include short-term rentals.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Anybody have any objection to that?

>> Harper-madison: Not an objection but a clarifier. Any type of str?

>> Tovo: Thank you for that clarifier. Just type three. Type two they shouldn't have because they're not allowed to. Type one I think we're all in agreement on. So thank you for that clarification.

>> Mayor Adler: The language about also inventorying where there's the use of a type three str and the property also included without objection. Ann, did you have something left?

>> Harper-madison: One last question, I'm sorry. Just another clarifying point. I'm up to item number 10 so I'm trying to figure out where did I fall off here? A couple of these intended to be the same numbered items >> Mayor Adler: Are you talking about the additional direction to staff?

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>> Harper-madison: I am.

>> Mayor Adler: Number six was councilmember alter's.

>> Harper-madison: To provide whether or not to make adjustments to better target hold types.

>> Mayor Adler: And councilmember alter had two.

>> Harper-madison: So number seven --

>> Mayor Adler: She had six and seven. Councilmember alter had two, Bo six and seven. And then eight was Ellis. And nine and 10 were Tovo's.

>> Harper-madison: So we are up to 10. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember kitchen. I think this maybe our last amendment. Not quite.

>> Kitchen: I think.

>> Alter: Has something.

>> Mayor Adler: We'll start with you. Councilmember kitchen.

>> Kiten: Okay. So I just passed out a motion sheet. What this does is it just picks up language that we had passed in our original resolution that I'm sure was unintended, but it wasn't carried forward. So this is -- it says a qualifying development is not required to comply with the heightened southbound

requirements -- set back requirements except to obtain side the language except to maintain side setbacks is in the original ordinance that we passed, and it was not carried forward. And so this is just to -- I assume that was an oversight, this was just to carry that forward. It was in the first -- it was in the second be it resolved, be it further resolved in the original ordinance number one and number seven.

>> Casar: Can you read those out?

>> Kitchen: Sure. So on page 7 of the original ordinance, and this is -- it says the council intend for this program to, number one, waive capability standards for height and setbacks, but maintain the side setbacks so you see that language wasn't brought forward so I'm just bringing that forward.

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And then further down number seven on that same page it says waive the residential design and compatibility standards as codified in chapter 25-2, subchapter F, but maintain the side setbacks. And that wasn't carried forward. So all I'm doing here is carrying forward those from the original -- the original resolution. And then the third thing that wasn't carried forward is what was on page -- page 10 of the original resolution, the next to the last be it further resolved where it says the amendments initiated by this resolution may not include increases in allowable pic. So that wasn't carried forward. So what I did is I added a sentence that says a qualifying development will comply with impervious cover as allowed by existing zoning.

Casar: Got it. Mayor?

>> Mayor: Yes.

>> Kitchen: I apologize, I just noticed this myself. So that's why I'm bringing them now.

>> Casar: That's why I'm trying to scramble to answer.

Kitchen: I understand, but it's very clearly in the original ordinance.

>> Casar yes. So in recollection that the original ordinance we mean to maintain setbacks by your zoning, but not side setbacks via article 10. So I think you're adding additional setbacks via this amendment?

>> Kitchen: No, I don't think so. Because the original ordinance says waive compatibility standards and what article 10 is, compatibility standards. So it's referring back to the same thing. Because it says waive compatibility standards for height and setbacks, but maintain the setbacks. And what we've got here is what we brought forward is, you know, that we're requiring compliance with article 10 height and setback requirements, which are the compatibility standards.

>> Casar: So before we do that can we knock out H, the bottom one?

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Because I think the intention was never to add -- the only thing is could we get rid of the word existing because I don't want -- if we change zoning in the future, which hear in some places we might be doing this year, I don't want it could be interpreted as existing zoning -- can we just say qualifying development will comply with impervious cover as allowed by zoning? Or base zoning or just zoning?

>> Kitchen: Or you could just repeat the language that was in the resolution

Mayor Adler: It would be the zoning whatever it is. We're not going to give me one a break from zoning. I think you strike exist. Anyone object to adding H with the word stricken. Hearing none that's included. That gets us so setbacks.

>> Casar: So I think that there isn't a meeting of legal minds here where I think in the original resolution I -- my intent always knowing we would get to ordinance phase was to say we will still have side setbacks, but not the increased compatibility side setbacks. And your recollection or your intent at the time may have been the compatibility setbacks, so we can just take a vote on that.

>> Kitchen: Actually, it's not my intent. I'm reading the language. The language says, waive-- it says the council intends for this program to waive compatibility standards, and it uses the term compatibility standards. So are you suggesting that the -- are you suggesting that article 10 compatibility standards is a different compatibility standards than it says in this original ordinance?

>> Casar: I mean that the intent of that sentence is we're going to waive those setbacks as it relates to compatibility, but still maintain side setbacks, which we are still maintaining, just not the compatibility side setbacks.

>> Kitchen: Okay. I don't understand the difference, so please tell me what you consider to be the difference.

>> Casar: Maybe we can have the staff come up and do that so it will be potentially more impartial --

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>> Kitchen: Or maybe you would like to put except to maintain side setbacks in a different place, but it is in the original ordinance.

>> Donna Golati: It setback from article 10 do have a side setback, but I believe that Casar, you're speaking of setbacks in the base zoning development regulations. So for example in a basic S 3 zoning setback basic of 3 lot, you have five foot side setbacks. Various commercial lots have various side setbacks. So those setbacks are found in 25-2-492 and it's just development regulations. So we typically refer to those as base zoning development regulations. And that's how it's separate from the compatibility setback.

>> Kitchen: And where're those found, I'm sorry?

>> The base development regulations are found in 25-2-492. And --

>> Kitchen: I'm sorry.

>> Andt's in -- I'm not sure which artic that's in.

>> Kitchen: That's okay. But is that subchapter F or is that different?

>> No, it's separate. It's kind of before all of those regulations. So it's just a base zoning regulation. If you didn't have any other subchapters or compatibility regulations, every base zone has kind of a set of regulations. It's where we find our building coverage, P or F.A.R. Limit. Another section such as subchapter F establishes further restrictions in terms of the maximum height if you will and compatibility has further restrictions when you have commercial next to single-family, that sort of thing.

>> Kitchen: Okay. I would suggest the language say the height and setback requirements of article 10 compatibility standards, except to maintain side setbacks as required by the base zoning district. And that pulls up the exact language from the -- from the original ordinance.

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>> Casar: I don't think that that reflects the same thing that I meant. One is capabilities, which are setbacks, you're on B, I'm on the side of A. We'll vote and pick which one of the two.

>> Kitchen: But I need to establish this point. Because I am reading exactly from the original ordinance and I'm willing to put the language exactly from the original ordinance. It says waive compatibility standards for height and setbacks, but maintain the side setbacks as required by the base zoning district. So are you changing --

>> Casar: Yes, that's what we mean. That's exactly what we mean.

>> Kitchen: Then I can add that language to make that clear, except to maintain side setbacks as required by the base zoning district.

>> Casar: I don't have the original resolution in front of me. What I'm trying to say is would that change anything that is currently in the ordinance as she just read it? No, then let's include it if it's exactly as it is in the ordinance. So what would this change in the ordinance?

>> I believe what councilmember Kit is saying does reflect what was in the resolution.

>> Casar: How does it change what's in the ordinance before us now?

>> I don't think it does. I think it adds some clarity.

>> Casar: That's fine, then. So what you're saying is a qualifying development has waived the height standards for height and setbacks, but has maintained the side setbacks required by the base zoning district.

>> Kitchen: Yeah, I'm --

>> Casar: I'm just saying is that -- is that your understanding of what was in the ordinance before us today?

>> Yes. >>ar:as so I would be happy including that language then. Waive compatibility standards for height and setbacks and required by the base zoning district.

>> Kitchen: That's number one. What about number three? Are you okay with number three? Because that I compatibility --

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>> Casar: Where is the resoluti language on that?

>> Kitchen: Number seven on the same page where it says waive the residential design and compatibility standards as codified in chapter 25-2, subchapter F --

>> Casar: Except to maintain the side setbacks as required by the base zoning district.

>> Kitchen:, number seven says --

>> Casar: The in nnection words say as required by the base zoning district.

>> Kitchen: Right.

>> Casar: So if you include those words, then yes.

>> Kitchen: Okay. Okay. I've got that.

>> Casar: Okay. So I'm fine adding an amendment that says the same words from the resolution, except to maintain side setbacks as required by the base zoning district.

>> Garza: The mayor had to step away. Is there any objection? Are you accepting that as friendly to the base? Okay. And so do you want to add H, councilmember kitchen?

>> Kitchen: I think we already did. We just took out the word existing.

>> Garza: Okay. Are there other amendments? Councilmember alter.

>> Alter: Thank you. So I'm going to read what I passed out. It was hopefully addressing some of the concerns that we were talking about before when we were talking about the sleeping units. And I didn't have a chance to get staff feedback on it. I'm totally open to changes here, but I think it addresses the spirit of what we were talking about. I have placed it right below councilmember kitchen's part 6 in the section of amend 25725 post construction requirements and penalty. If it belongs in a different section, I'm totally fine with that. So it's part 7, the administrative rules implementing the affordability unlocked bonus program shall add a minimum, establish, one, rent level standards to meet the different income targets and varying to affect different unit types and two to determine eligibility standards for renters and owners.

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So the administrative rules are -- they're the fact that there will be administrative rules earlier in the ordinance, and then this is basically saying that rent levels depend on the mfi and that there would be a kind of maximums set by staff as we do know for U.N.O., and that the costs for any given mfi level would vary depending on unit type. So if you have a two bedroom and you're 60% mfi, the costs would be higher than if you were getting a sleeping unit that didn't have its own bathroom and there would be variation there. And then the second part is establishing that there have to be rules that will ultimately need to be monitored for income eligibility for the renters or owners, whichever is applicable.

>> Casar: Mayor pro tem?

>> Garza: Go ahead, councilmember Casar.

>> Casar: Is this generally how we are planning on implementing this program? Then I'm good with it.

>> Garza: There are no other objections? Then that is added. Are there any more amendments? No? I think the mayor is listening in the back as well if you want to come back, mayor, to vote.

>> Casar: Mayor pro tem? I just want to thank my colleagues and everyone in the community for having worked really hard on this. I think that it is really going to make our affordable housing dollars stretch much further. And I think that it will be seen by Austinites almost immediately. I anticipate or expect that the next time that people submit affordable housing proposals to us that people will participate in this program and will -- we won't need to wait a year. That we'll immediately see how much more affordable housing we're willing to get. I know many of us have gone through a lot of painful affordable housing zoning cases, and my hope is that by this change towards more inclusion we will see way, way fewer of those and just help people that are trying to do the right thing by helping low income people, by helping people stay in the city, that we will just get out of their way and help them do that good work.

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So thanks to my colleagues and to everybody in the community that worked on this.

>> Garza: I just want to thank councilmember Casar and your staff for all the work you've done on this. I'm excited to see it come back and the results of it. Go ahead, councilmember Renteria.

>> Renteria: I also want to thank Greg. This is going to save a lot of development in my district time and money. In the past I had to come and submit resolutions -- resolutions putting properties in different zoning areas, like the old district LE we did at Chalmers so we could reuse the parking requirements because basically the people there are so low income they don't drive the type of vehicles. They're lucky to have one vehicle, but they don't -- so we didn't need the parking requirements that -- they didn't need it and there's a lot of empty parking spaces there, so I really want to thank you for doing that.

>> Garza: All right. All those in favor of item 27 as amended please say aye? Raise your hand? All opposed? Is it unanimous on the dais. And having no other business before us, we are adjourned. Please stick around for proclamations and music. We are adjourned at 5:40.

[Applause].

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>> Garza: All right. Good evening. My name is Delia Garza. I'm mayor pro tem. I also represent district 2. The mayor originally had to step away for a conference call, but he's back. But I was so excited about being able to introduce this all-female band that he's kindly allowed me to continue to introduce them, even though he's back.

[Applause]. But he will come up here and read the proclamation for you guys, but you know, one of the great things about Austin, Texas is we -- you know, usually our council council meetings go a little bit longer and take a break for lividness and proclamations. We've actually finished all of our business today so we just get to do the fun part here today. So mother rukkus is a siddho of five female musicians, [reading names]. Formed in 2015, mother rukkus plays a wide variety of classic rock and folk music. They met through girl guitar founded by local musician Mandy Rd when allowed them to form bands playing together on local stages such as one to one bar, Austin Biergarten and Antone's. So ladies and gentlemen, please sit back and listen to your mothers.

[Cheers and applause]

[♪Music♪].

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[ Applause ]

>> Thank you all for having us. Really, really appreciate it. We're mother rukkus.

>> Mayor Adler: That was great. If somebody is watching this on TV now or gets played on the loop so who knows how many times people will see it, if they watch play and they want to find you, do you have, like, a website? Facebook page.

>> We do, [www.motherrukkus.com](http://www.motherrukkus.com), also on Facebook and have a Instagram account.

>> Mayor Adler: If someone wants to get your music, is there a place they can do that?

>> We actually have some of our music on YouTube, we have a YouTube channel.

>> Mayor Adler: Do you have any gigs coming up?

>> Yeah our website we post all the gigs coming up. Our next one is actually Friday, May 24, at carousel lounge, 7:00 P.M.

>> Mayor Adler: Very cool. I have a proclamation. All right. 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 legends, our local favorites, and newcomers alike, and whereas we are pleased to showcase and support our local artists, now, therefore, I, Steve Adler, mayor of the live music capitol on behalf of an entire city council do he proclaim may 9, 201 as mother rukkus day in Aust Texas. Congratulations.

[ Cheers and applause ]

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[ Applause ]

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>> Tovo:good evening, I'm councilmember Kathie tovo, represent district 9 and I have the honor of presenting the following proclamation to recognize their me than 130 ars that the salvation Army has been everyone lsing austinites and many of you are familiar with their work and they'll be more -- there will be more examples in the proclamation itself. I've had the privilege of interacting with the Salvation Army in our community goal of ending homelessness near -- here in Austin from their women's shelter and downtown shelter and the many people they serve. They are key partners in this effort to end homelessness and making sure that every person in our community has a safe and stable place to call home. In addition to the many other good programs that they sponsor. So on behalf of the entire city council I'd like to present the following proclamation, whereas for 130 years the Salvation Army has been doing the most good to serve individuals and families in greatest need in the Austin area without discrimination and whereas the Salvation Army socialrvices range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for individuals with disabilities, outreach to the ill and elderly, clothing and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness, and opportunities for children, and whereas through sound, innovative and professional services thealvation army of Austin serves the people of Travis county with unshakable faith in all and it views all people as people with possibilities. And whereas the Austin area command serves Travis and Williamson counties through their core community shelter, the Austin center for women and children, the family center, social ices shelter, Williamson county service center, four family stores and adult rehabilitation center, we're mrs.ed to recognize the Austin area command, many volunteers and donors who enabled the organization to serve our community for so long and so ably, therefore, I, Kathie tovo, along with mayor Adler and colleagues do hereby proclaim may 13-28, 2019, as national Salvation Army week in Austin, Texas.

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Congratulations. I'd like to invite major Kelly to S a few words.

>> Thank you, councilmember tovo. What a privilege it is to have the salvation army recognized for the 130-plus years that we have served in this area. We are so appreciative to the city council, to the mayor, to all of our city leaders for the opportunity Ork together to answer homelessness and the Salvation Army will continue its work on the front line to address homelessness, domestic violence, hunger, and other situation that's come our W and to try to keep people in their homes before they become homeless and we're happy to accept this proclamation and celebrate national salvation Army week next week. Thank you very much.

[ Applause ]

>> Mayor Adler: we have another proclamation. This is kind of the proclamation that makes all the other proclamations possible. This is a proclamation from municipal clerk's week.

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Be it known that whereas the international institute of municipal clerks is a professional nonprofit association serving the needs of municipal clerks and secretaries, treasurers, recorders, and other allied associations from cities and towns worldwide, and whereas in 1969 the national association instituted municipal clerk's week, which features a series of activities aimed at increasing the public's awareness of municipal clerks and the vital services they provide for local governments and the community, and whereas this year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of municipal clerk's week, a time to commemorate the importance of the clerk's function within city government. Therefore, Steve Adler, mayor of Austin, Texas, on behalf of my colleagues on the council do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2019, as the 50th anniversary-municipal clerk's week in Austin, Texas. Congratulations. [Pause] I would just -- you can say hi herein a second but before you, do I on behalf of the council I want you to know how much we are indebted to you guys, how much you make our life work in this building. We just went through yet another meeting that goes just seamlessly for everybody who is looking at it. We know how much work goes into that, but just everything you do from elections to all the filings with the city, you guys are great and we know that our clerk's office is one of the models that the rest of the country looks to. So thank you so much for what you guys do.

[ Applause ] Do you want to say hi?

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>> Well, there's not much to say after that. So I'm just gonna say this was really for my staff, not for me, because they do the work. I just get the credit.

[ Laughter ] So thanks to my staff.

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

[ Applause ]

>> Pool: I think I see some fan club in the back of the room, Joanna. Come a little closer. It's just the two of us here. I'm Leslie Pool and I represent district 7. It's really a huge honor to present what I think was a surprise to Joanna Wolaver she's been the executive director of the Shoal Creek Conservancy for the entire five years of its existence and the fan club I mentioned is Ted Siphon who founded the Shoal Creek Conservancy, came up with the idea. I understand it was on a napkin or something, the two of you sketched it out.

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>> Ver lunch.

>> Pool: The best ideas in Austin happen over lunch with jottings down on napkins, so thank you to all of -- thank you to everyone with the Shoal Creek Conservancy, in particular Ted and Jenn for your long range vision for a beloved creek in our city, Shoal Creek. If anybody wants to come down and join, it's a little lively here, Ted and fs.

>> Ted.

>> Why don't you all come on down. That's great. Thank you. And is this your little one?

>> It is indeed. That's great.

>> Pool: It's a family affair.

>> [Off mic]

>> Pool: I remember that.

>> He's my measurement of the growth of Shoal Creek.

>> Pool: Literally one of the things birthed from the Shoal Creek Conservancy. Here we go thank you for coming down. Proclamation may be it known whereas Joanna Wolaver is the first employee and founding executive director of Shoal Creek Conservancy and whereas Joanne worked collaboratively with city of Austin staff, partner organizations, businesses, residents and property owners throughout the Shoal Creek watershed and whereas in conjunction with city and other partners, Joanna let the completion of the Shoal Creek trail plan and whereas Joanna has worked with city and other partners on the Shoal Creek watershed action plan, now, therefore, I, Leslie Pool, councilmember for district 7, along with the mayor of Austin and the entire city council, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2019, as Joanna Wolaver day. Congratulations, Joanna.

[ Cheers and applause ] Did you want to say anything? You don't have to.

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>> We all -- I'll quickly say thank you so much. It's been a true honor being the first executive director of this organization and it's a whole team, not just the people that are here, all of our volunteers. I'm so appreciative of the city council, and the mayor being open to having such a partner and all of the work that we've done on Shoal Creek together, and it's a real honor to have led the cause at the beginning. Thank you, appreciate it.

>> Pool: We're going to take a picture. Y'all come.

>> Flannigan: good evening, everybody, my name is Jimmy Flannigan, city council member for district 6d. I have the pleasure of recognizing Tim Hamblin tonight. I will read the document here in front of me, but I've known Tim for a long time, even before I was a council member, back when I was running the Lady Bird Lake Chamber of Commerce and working with him at the Austin History Center and watching him really take on something that the city of Austin had never done, which was form an LGBT archive. And him -- he was the stalwart inside the history center that helped make that happen and we were able to pull the community together and really start building a rich history of the LGBT community inside of the history center, in addition to Tim's many, many, many years -- sorry, many years.

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[ Laughter ]

-- Representing and working and being pillar of Austin's music and video and film scenes. So I have for you a distinguished service award for unwavering service and commitment during your 25-year tenure at the city of Austin and for your efforts to broaden the scope of community-driven archives as the executive director at the Austin History Center, Tim Hamblin is deserving of public claim and recognition, Tim's unflappable devotion to music, art, and creative endeavors combined with his dedication to open information for all made him an invaluable resource to the residents of Austin. His decades of archival knowledge and commitment to public service made him the respected and valued team member whose presence shall be missed. This certificate is given in acknowledgment and appreciation on this ninth day of May, 2019, on behalf myself and the mayor and the entire city council. Thank you, Tim.

[ Applause ]

>> Thank. Thank you. This is truly a great honor. It's an honor for someone that came to this country as an illegal alien and went through the amnesty program with -- that Ronald Reagan did. So a lot of people have forgotten about that. But I've always loved Austin music. I came out about it when I was living on the small island in the west Indies, came here, worked in a bar, worked in record stores, worked with public access, had a show there, and even lobbied to get the Austin Music Network going, which is a 24-hour music channel, and I'm so proud that Austin is now the live music capital of the world. I think it always has been, but now it's known as the live music capital of the world and I'm thankful to all the musicians and all the people here that have made my life so joyous. And I sure hope we can keep them here and keep it affordable so they can stay. And thank you all for -- all thanks for everything you've done to help.

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Please don't forget to donate to the Austin history center. That's the way we keep your history. Thank you very much indeed.

[ Applause ]

>> Flannigan: I get to do another one. So now I have the honor of recognizing a program in this community called lemonade day. And this is Morgan Briscoe, who is with the west Austin chamber of commerce that is headquartered in district 6 and far northwest Austin and it's a really amazing program that is more than just serving lemonade. Teaches kids about business and capitalism and the economy and hard work and planning and business plans and all that stuff. And as a former chamber of commerce leader myself it's something that I really enjoyed, and over this past weekend I had the honor of being a judge at the taste testing of all the lemonades and I had quite a sugar rush. I was kind of floating. Today, though, we have a proclamation, be it known that whereas the west Austin chamber of commerce and the university of Texas McCombs' business school are proud to present lemonade day Austin 2019, a program dedicated to teaching children how to start, own, operate their own business using the classical model of building and running lemonade stands and whereas it's good for kids, good for business and the city of Austin, brings thousands of volunteers, residents, organizations and businesses together with the common goal to educate our future generation of entrepreneurs, the event teaches the student spend a little, save a little, and share a little by donating a portion of their profits to local charities.

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And whereas lemonade day is a day of learning and celebrating Austin's future, on lemonade day every resident has a job buying or helping children -- has a job buying or helping children sell lemonade. The residents of Austin are encouraged to simply purchase a cup of lemonade from one of the youth participating in the program, thereby contributing to the growth of the next generation of Austinites. Therefore, I Jimmy Flannigan, city council member for district 6 hereby proclaim May 11, 2019, as lemonade day in Austin, Texas.

[ Applause ]

>> Thank you, thank you for having us here. Thank you, council member Flannigan. He's been a great supporter and thank you to the city of Austin for all you've done to support the lemonade day program. We've been around in Austin since 2009, so going on ten years, and we have some wonderful stand lemonade day students, not just for the program but nationwide, including Michaela who has gone on to do great things with her business. I'm an entrepreneur at heart and I was attracted to the program. I started out doing events but not only that but selling artwork on my parents' front porch. When I heard of this program I thought it was great. The program teaches 40 functional assets for kids so anyone can go out and set up a lemonade stand but this goes much more to that. My goal is to help as many kids know entrepreneurship is a viable proposition to get them to taste a little success on lemonade day. I brought two of my three entrepreneurs here who have done pretty much every piece of the program,

and I told them they can get a picture this time around, and but, yes, if you would -- and you're out this weekend, fingers crossed for good weather but if you're out and about, please support lemonade day stand. They are posted on our website, [lemonade.day.org/austin](http://lemonade.day.org/austin), we have 80 plus kids signed up already to be around and help spark the dream and see these kids have a great feature in entrepreneurship or any other business or life skills they may gain as part of this program. Thank you to all of you.

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[ Applause ]

>> Mayor Adler: Come on do. We have a proclamation. Be it known that whereas our city of Austin, Texas, is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and the economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disasters, and whereas our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of code inspectors, building inspectors and others who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings in our community and whereas no code, no confidence, the theme for building safety month 2019, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses, now, therefore, I, Steve Adler, mayor of the city of Austin, Texas, on behalf of the Austin city council, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as building safety month in Austin, Texas.

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Congratulations.

[ Applause ] Dennis, do you want to say something?

>> Thank you, mayor. The development services department have come together to actually provide more awareness to the community about the importance of building safety. We need -- the international city council has decided to represent this cause, and this is the 39th year they've done this on an international basis so we're pleased to be a part of that and I'm very excited and pleased about the team that really takes the work seriously because they work tirelessly because they understand and know when we build buildings we have vibrant communities and we can have a better quality of life. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. [ applause ]

>> One more thing we're actually going to have a live chat so please on your way out take a brochure where you can call in and talk with a person live to answer any questions you have about building or permitting safety. Thank you.

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

[ Applause ] Mayor Adler: Denise is the interim director. Cora, did you want to say ING THR code?

>> Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to on behalf of the Austin code department and a great deal of more than 146 employees who wake up every morning and come to work and respond to citizens calls to look at their concerns regarding their property, how well they're maintain and substandard building conditions, Denis focuses new construction and Austin code focuses on once the building is built, how well is it maintained and how is the land used. So we are quite honored, and so on behalf of Austin code we celebrate with dsd. This is a great day, and we appreciate the recognition.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay.

[ Applause ]

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[ Applause ] >> Or aayr: all right. We have another proclamation. This one is for 14,000 people. Proclamation, be it known that whereas hard working city of Austin employees provide a number of valuable services to the residents of our city and essential areas such as health, recreation, utilities, transportation, libraries, planning, zoning, public safe municipal courts, and whereas they are a credit their peers who work in the public sector to promote the DIV services demand by the American people at the local, state, and federal levels, and whereas it is important to express our appreciation to city employees who often go unrecognized for their service and their contributions to the quality of life in this great city, it now, therefore, I, Steve Adler, mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, on behalf of the entire council, do hereby proclaim May 9 of the year 2019 as public service recognition day in Austin, Texas. And accepting this on behalf of 14,000 employees is assistant city manager -- is it deputy city manager? Deputy city manager Elaine R. Thank you.

>> Thank you, mayor.

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[ Applause ] Thank you, mayor. Good evening, and thank you all for being here to help us celebrate public safety -- excuse me, public service recognition week, and the Texas End I will recognize public Service also. This is a celebration that has happened annually across our country for about 35 years. It's time reflect on the importance of public service and honor those at all government levels who have dedicated themselves to serving others. As the mayor said, we have over 14,000 employees, and each one makes a difference in our community every day. I'm proud to serve with those individuals, and I want to express our deepest appreciation for their service. Over the past year, city employees have worked hard to realign their effort and their work to achieve the outcomes identified by the council in the city's new strategy, and I'm excited to share some of those accomplishments with you tonight. Homelessness was identified by

our council as its top priority and much effort has been focused again this year to improve the lives of those experiencing homelessness. For example, we continue our very successful outreach service program staffed by our city host team, which stands for homeless outreach street team, and it's a joint effort of employees of Austin police department and EMS and our outside partners' integral care. All of the efforts involved in these multidepartment programs have really moved forward many of our programs in this area. Mobility also remains another top priority for our city council and our community. And a lot has been done on this important work as well. Council recently adopted our Austin strategic mobility plan which provides us a policy roadmap, no pun intended, around which we can better prioritize our work and also advance much needed improvements to our transportation system.

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My thanks go out to our transportation department, public works, and our partner Capital Metro who work on many of these programs. And last but not least, development services and our water utility are an example of how we have collaborated to make our development process better and to recognize that sometimes there are bumps in the road for our customers. They have worked together to streamline pieces of that process to make it easier for you. And we're very proud of the work that they've done. Rewriting some of the water guidelines for pressure testing and hydrostatic inspections. If you're a builder you know what those are. These are -- there are countless the accomplishments that I could talk about. I'd have to keep you here all night and introduce to you a number of employees. I won't go with David on that. It's been a busy year and our employees have shined in many ways. I just want to thank you for being here tonight to acknowledge the efforts of all of our city employees, and thank them for their deep commitment to them and this community. I also have a ps, thank you to our public servants out there in the field this week keeping us safe during these storms, to Austin police department, fire -- department, EMS, Austin Energy who had lots of outages, the water department keeping water treatment plants working, public works who picked up tree debris and many others, watershed department monitoring the floods, our homeland security staff who monitored the storms and kept us up to date. We really appreciate the work you did this week keeping us safe. Thank you all and thanks for your attention tonight. And thanks to all my coworkers.

[ Applause ]

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>> Casar: come on up here. Governing, I'm councilmember Greg Casar, here with mayor pro tem Delia Garza, who will read this proclamation, but I'm so excited to be able to have you all here, report Austin is such a critical part of our community and such a severance to our -- serve to our community. There are so many folks who are in Austin and across central Texas that rely on the work that reports Austin does to make sure that they get the news, to make sure they know what's going on, to make sure they can plug in, and I was just joking every time one of my posts gets shared on their page I can see the jump in

likes, it's instant, because there's so many people in our community that need what it is that you all provide, [speaking non-english language].

>> Garza: All right. Be it known whereas Reporte Austin is only digital magazine presenting relevant information in Spanish to the Latino community in central Texas, reaching more than 100,000 through its magazine and social media outlets every month, and whereas Reporte Austin covers politics, immigration, education, community, and more through its Facebook page, it keeps its followers informed about Austin breaking and important news in the community and whereas in May 2019, Reporte Austin celebrates its fifth anniversary making publication of 48 uninterrupted editions of the magazine. Therefore, therefore, I, mayor pro tem Garza and the mayor and councilmember Casar and the rest of council do hereby proclaim May 9 as Reporte Austin Day.

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[ Applause ]

>> Thank you so much. Thank you very much. It's an honor for me to be here. They told me I have three minutes to speak. I prepared a 30 minute speech of course. I'll try to be really, really quick. I just want to thank the city of Austin, mayor Adler, mayor pro tem Garza, councilman Greg Casar, thank you for being here. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to be here. On behalf of my wife and partner in crime and myself, I want to thank our mayor, Steve Adler for all of your, would for always having your door open for us. I really, really appreciate it. Of course councilmember Casar thank you for making this day possible. Reporte Austin was created with the main objective of giving our community the most relevant information in Spanish we believe having important, relevant information helps our community to really feel that we belong, that they are part of this city so that we can find, we can learn and assimilate to all of the opportunities and challenges that we are facing as a group, not only here in Austin but in this beautiful country. For five years we have delivered the magazine where our readers count on articles about our community, immigration, education, politics, local organizations and more. Through our social media outlets we have been able to reach thousands and thousands of Hispanics in our community to give them the most important news about what is happening in real Texas. Everything is in Spanish, but everything with the idea to promote the formation of a community as a whole. A respectful community. Reporte Austin is from an immigrant family, my family. Thousands of Hispanics in the city, it hasn't always been easy. Actually it's been kind of hard, right, Marcella.

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I hope today we can show hard work, persistence, honesty help us all to thrive. This is the message I want to deliver for instance for my daughters who were getting here because they are stuck in traffic -- we need to work with traffic.

[ Laughter ] But that's the message -- that is the message that I want -- for my daughters to know, [speaking non-english language], they are here today, and I really want for them to know that even though they have endured all the challenges with us, I want them to know they can achieve anything they dream. That they can start with a small idea and then one day just be here at Austin city hall, with all of you. That's something I really need for them to understand. We are lucky to live in towns where we have this council, where we have this mayor, we are lucky to live in a city that respects and embraces diversity. That, yes, faces a lot of challenging but is willing to discuss them with civility because we believe we can continue to live in the best city in the world. We do. We live in the best city in the world, and we'll keep doing it. I promise report Austin will always help in any way through this path. An informed community is a better community. I want to end by thanking on behalf of my wife and myself to all the people who have collaborated with report Austin, to all our sponsors who agreed information is key to grow. To them thank you for being our family. Thank you for trusting us and helping us all the way. And thank you to our readers, our followers, our friends, to our family. Thank you. It is possible. This, this is possible to start with a small dream. And then reach it and be here.

[Speaking non-english language][ applause ]

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[ Applause ]

>> Harper-madison:good evening, everyone. My name is Natasha harper-madison, councilmember for district 1. You have the distinct honor of giving this particular proclamation that is so important. Be it known that whereas community health is certainly to overall health and well-being for all and whereas we live in a community in which one in five individuals and of all ethnicities, cultures, and religious backgrounds is affected by mental illness, half of all life-time cases of mental illness emerge in childhood and whereas we dedicate the month of may each year to raise awareness about mental health, reduce stigma, celebrate resiliency and recovery for children, youth, individuals, and their families, and whereas the city of Austin continues to support the development and implementation of our community system of care to ensure children, youth, and families have access to services and support that builds upon their strengths and, best, meets their individualized needs. Now, therefore, I, Natasha harper-madison, mayor Adler, and my colleague on council and the city of Austin Texas, do hereby proclaim may 2019 as mental health month in Austin, Texas. And I am going to -- can you tell me how to pronounce your name?

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>> -- And Corie cormie is going to accept this proclaiming and you're welcome to deliver a few words.

>> Kyoanmayor Adler, community for your support in mental health in austin/travis county

[indiscernible] -- Since 2005, we have recognized May as mental health month, and today we are celebrating national children's mental health awareness day 2019. We are highlighting the importance of mental health and how essential it is to a child's healthy development and we are celebrating the resiliency of our children and families if please join us in our efforts to decrease stigma around mental health and increase supports in our community. Thank you.

>> Harper-Madison: Thank you. Thank you very much

[ applause ]

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>> Hi, everybody. So I am very pleased and honored to -- along with our mayor be able to present this proclamation for older Americans month. And I appreciate all of the work that all of you guys do, and thank you so much for being here so I'm just gonna go and read this, and then hopefully you all will say a few words about what all you're working on. Okay. Be it known that whereas older Americans month is observed nationally to encourage older adults to connect through social participation, create by engaging in activities that promote the learning, contribute time, talent and life experience to others and whereas Austin has a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences and the city of Austin is committed to acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society. And whereas the city of Austin's age friendly action plan strives to make our city more equitable for older adults with strategies to encourage them to be involved in the community where they live, learn, work, worship, play, and age, and whereas the city of Austin recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations to engage in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all. Now, therefore, I, Ann Kitchen, on behalf of the mayor, Steve Adler, and my colleagues on city council, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as older Americans month. And I just want to say that this group of folks has just done amazing things over the last few years. You know, the age -- age friendly action plan that I just mentioned has made it top of mind for all of us in the city as we think about policies and think about how our policies impact older Americans and their contributions.

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So you all have done amazing work. So and you continue to do amazing work. And we now have Tito Albarrán and as part of the work you have done on the age friendly action plan. Jamie, do you want to come up and say a few words?

>> Thank you. On behalf of the commission on seniors and there are several members here, and our partner organizations who work for, with, on behalf of seniors -- raise your hand back there -- so on behalf of all of us I want to thank you, Mayor Maler, council member Kitchen, and the entire council for recognizing older Americans month and particularly for your commitment and leadership in making Austin an age friendly city. Thank you.



[ Applause ]

[ Applause ]