



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Brie L. Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer

DATE: July 9, 2019

SUBJECT: **Staff Response to Resolution No. 20190328-041**

On March 28, 2019, Council passed Resolution No. 20190328-041 directing staff to support legislation that would allow cities to implement mandatory inclusionary zoning programs. This memo is to confirm that during the 86th Legislative Session, staff explored opportunities to support legislation related to inclusionary zoning that would help Austin expand its supply of affordable housing. Rep. Hinojosa filed HB 3050 during the 86th legislative session to address inclusionary zoning. This bill did not receive a hearing.

Rep. Rodriguez filed bills which sought to expand the supply of affordable housing in the City: HB 2185, HB 2186, and HB 2187. HB 2185 would update the City's Homestead Preservation District (HPD) bracket eligibility to account for the growth it has experienced since 2005, when Rep. Rodriguez passed House Bill 525, which enabled Austin to establish HPDs. This bill was left pending in committee, and IGRO registered in support for the City. HB 2186 would have allowed the City the option of allowing affordable housing developments to be built within two miles of each other. HB 2187 would have repealed the prohibition against local governments' ability to ban discrimination against renters based on their source of income. Neither HB 2186 nor HB 2187 received a hearing.

This item is now completed. Please contact Brie L. Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, if you have further questions.

Thank you.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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