

# IMAGINE AUSTIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION STATEMENT & ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

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Planning Commission endorsed the Vision statement with the following changes (in blue) on a vote of 8-0 (Jay Reddy absent).

This motion sheet is intended as an aid to discussion and action on the Imagine Austin Vision Statement by Planning Commission. It compiles the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan Committee's discussion of the public input submitted through August 9. "Task Force Comments" were submitted by Citizens Advisory Task Force members Carol Torgimson and Kent Collins, Chairs of the Task Force's Analysis and Communications Committees, which jointly reviewed and revised the Vision Statement ultimately endorsed by the Task Force on July 13.

| Motion | Task Force draft | Commissioner Tovo            |  |
|--------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1      | Vision Statement | <u>Vision and Principles</u> |  |

No motion was made; therefore, no change.

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| 2      | As it approaches its 200th anniversary, Austin is poised to become a beacon of sustainability, social equity and economic opportunity; where diversity and creativity are celebrated; where community needs and values are recognized; where leadership comes from its citizens and where the necessities of life are affordable and accessible to all.<br><br>Austin's greatest asset is its people: passionate about our city, committed to its improvement, and determined to see this vision become a reality. | As it approaches its 200th anniversary, Austin is <del>poised to become</del> a beacon of sustainability, social equity and economic opportunity; where diversity and creativity are celebrated; where community needs and values are recognized; where leadership comes from its citizens and where the necessities of life are affordable and accessible to all.<br><br>Austin's greatest asset is its people: passionate about our city, committed to its improvement, and determined to see this vision become a reality. |  |

Remove the words "poised to become."

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| 3      | Residents have a variety of urban, suburban, and semi-rural lifestyle choices with access to quality schools, libraries, parks and recreation, health and human services, and other outstanding public facilities and services. | <u>All</u> residents have a variety of urban, suburban, and semi-rural lifestyle choices with access to quality schools, libraries, parks and recreation, health and human services, and other outstanding public facilities and services. |  |

Add the word “All”

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| 4      | Development occurs in connected and walkable patterns supporting transit and urban lifestyles, while reducing sprawl and negative impacts on neighborhoods. | Development occurs in connected and <u>pedestrian-friendly</u> patterns supporting transit and urban lifestyles, while <u>protecting and enhancing neighborhoods</u> . |  |

Accept the changes because sprawl is mentioned under transportation.

“Development occurs in connected and pedestrian-friendly patterns supporting transit and urban lifestyles, while protecting and enhancing neighborhoods.”

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| 5      | ADDITION TO "Livable" | <u>Development occurs across the city</u><br><br><u>in a manner that is friendly to</u><br><br><u>families with children, seniors, and</u><br><br><u>persons with disabilities.</u> |  |

Accept the change as modified as new bullet under "Livable" section. Remove "that is" and change persons to "individuals."  
"Development occurs across the city in a manner friendly to families with children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities."

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| 6a     | Clear guidelines for quality development sustain and improve Austin's character, and provide certainty for residents and the business community. | Clear guidelines for <u>both</u> quality development <u>and preservation</u> sustain and improve Austin's character, and provide certainty for residents and the business community. | This change has altered the meaning of the original, in that it states that the guidelines sustain and improve Austin's character, rather than that quality development sustains and improves Austin's character. If you feel it is desirable to add preservation to this sentence, then the following would better maintain the original meaning:<br><br>"Clear guidelines, supporting both quality development and preservation that sustain and improve Austin's character, provide certainty for residents and the business community." |
|        |  | Comprehensive Plan Cmte  |   |
| 6b     |  | <u>Clear rules guide sustainable development and preservation and provide certainty for residents and the business community.</u>  |   |

Accept the Comprehensive Plan Committee change as modified. Comma after preservation, add "they" before provide, add "compatibility and" before certainty.

"Clear rules guide sustainable development and preservation, and they provide compatibility and certainty for residents and the business community."

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| 7      | We protect the beauty of the Hill Country and blackland prairie, and value our farmland that nurtures local food production. | We protect the beauty of the <u>Colorado River</u> , Hill Country, and <u>B</u> lackland <u>P</u> rairie, and value our farmland that nurtures local food production. |                     |

Accept the change as modified. Add watershed to Colorado River so creeks are included; capitalize Blackland Prairie; no comma after Prairie.

“We protect the beauty of the Colorado River watershed, Hill Country, and Blackland Prairie and value our farmland that nurtures local food production.”

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| 8      | Austin's prosperity exists because of the overall health, vitality, and sustainability of the city as a whole—including the skills and qualities of our citizens, the stewardship of our natural resources, and developing conditions that foster both local businesses and large institutions. | Austin's prosperity exists because of the overall health, vitality, and sustainability of the city as a whole—including the skills, <u>hard work</u> , and qualities of our citizens, the stewardship of our natural resources, and developing conditions that foster both local businesses and large institutions. |  |

Accept the change to add “hard work”

“... – including the skills, hard work, and qualities of our citizens, ....”



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| 9      | Equitable opportunities are accessible to all through quality education and good jobs. | Equitable opportunities are accessible to all through quality education, <u>training</u> , and good jobs. |  |

Accept the change to add training after education.

“Equitable opportunities are accessible to all through quality education, training, and good jobs.”

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| 10a    | Our city is home to engaged, creative, and independent thinking people, where diversity is a source of strength and where we have the opportunity to fully participate and fulfill our potential. | Our city is home to engaged, <u>compassionate</u> , creative, and independent thinking people, where diversity is a source of strength and where we have the opportunity to fully participate and fulfill our potential.       |
| 10b    | Austin's diverse population is active and healthy, with access to locally-grown, nourishing foods, and affordable healthcare.   | Austin's diverse population, <u>including its neediest residents</u> , is active and healthy, with access to locally-grown, nourishing foods, <del>and</del> affordable healthcare, <u>housing and all other basic needs</u> . |
| 10c    | ADDITION TO "Values and Respects"   | <u>Austin ensures that no person is without such basic necessities as food, clothing, health, shelter, and mental</u>  |

Accept motion 10a to add the word "compassionate" and 10c as modified. Add "healthy" before food, take out "health" and change to "physical and mental health care."

"Our city is home to engaged, compassionate, creative,...."

"Austin ensures that no person is without such basic necessities as healthy food, clothing, shelter, physical and mental health care, or basic civil rights."

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| 11     | People across all parts of the city<br>live in safe, stable neighborhoods<br>with a variety of affordable and<br>accessible homes, healthy food,<br>economic opportunity, healthcare,<br>education, and transportation. | People across all parts of the city<br><u>and of all ages and income levels</u><br>live in safe, stable neighborhoods<br>with a variety of affordable and<br>accessible homes, healthy food,<br>economic opportunity, healthcare,<br>education, and transportation. | While this change does make the<br>sentence longer, it makes sense<br>here. Given the desire to introduce<br>this phrase into the vision<br>statement, we think it works better<br>to have the phrase inserted here<br>than in the opening paragraph of<br>the Livable section, as proposed<br>[earlier]. |

Accept the change to add “and of all ages and income levels.”.

“People across all parts of the city and of all ages and income levels live in safe, .....”.

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| 12     | ADDITION TO "Values and Respects" | <u>Austin government is transparent and accountable.</u> |  |

Accept the change as a new bullet and make it the first bullet under Austin Values and Respects its People..

"Austin government is transparent and accountable."

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| 13a    | Our buildings and places reflect the inspirational and creative spirit of who we are as Austinites, through good design, public art and accessible public spaces. | Our buildings and places reflect the inspirational and creative spirit of who we are as Austinites, through <u>the integration of</u> design <u>excellence</u> , public art and accessible public spaces. |  |
|        |   | <b>Comprehensive Plan Cmte</b>  |  |
| 13b    |   | Our buildings and places reflect the inspirational and creative spirit of who we are as Austinites, through design <u>excellence</u> , public art and <u>beautiful</u> , accessible public spaces.        |  |

Accept the change in 13b.

“Our buildings and places reflect the inspirational and creative spirit of who we are as Austinites, through design excellence, public art and beautiful, accessible public spaces.”

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| 14     | Downtown and other urban neighborhoods offer a vibrant, day and night time urban lifestyle for residents, workers, and visitors. | Downtown <del>and other urban neighborhoods</del> offer a vibrant, day and night time urban lifestyle for residents, workers, and visitors. |  |

Remove the words “ and other urban neighborhoods”. Add the word “safe” before “vibrant.”

“Downtown offers a safe, vibrant, day and night time urban lifestyle for residents, workers, and visitors.”