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Date: January 20, 2010

To: Dave Sullivan, Chair, Planning Commission

From: John Limon, Chair, Community Development Commission

Subject: Affordability Stakeholder Meeting

On January 12, 2010, the Community Development Commission (CDC) voted to recommend that the Planning Commission initiate a stakeholder process to consider the concept of gaining affordability through entitlements. This concept is based loosely on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Chapter 40B statute ("anti-snob" ordinance).

The statute attempts to reduce the concentration of poverty in central city areas by restricting the denial of the development of affordable housing in higher wealth areas that typically do not have affordable housing.

The motion from the CDC only asks that the Planning Commission consider a stakeholder process to discuss how entitlements could work in Austin. The motion also asks that the CDC be included in any discussions to help shape the stakeholder process.

The CDC's role is to advise the City Council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large, with emphasis on federally funded programs. We feel that all potentially viable avenues should be explored when it comes to working towards providing affordable housing in Austin.

Please contact me at 680-0988, or by email at johnnycallelimon@sbcglobal.net, if I can answer any questions or provide additional information. We look forward to working with you on this process.

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