

Public Hearing
Action Plan Needs Assessment
Austin City Council Meeting
June 24, 2010

The following represents a summary of the testimony during the public hearing summarized by NHCD staff. The following is not a complete transcript of public testimony.

Name	Statement	Staff Response
Joella Brooks, Southwest Key Programs	Supports Southwest Keys Social Enterprise Initiative assisting East Austin residents obtain job opportunities. Requests allocating \$180,000 to Southwest Key Programs.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Marc Bell, Southwest Key Programs	Supports Southwest Key Programs' economic development programs and job opportunities. Requests allocating \$180,000 to Southwest Key Programs.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Santos Martinez, Southwest Key Programs	Supports Southwest Key Programs that provided him a job, training, and classes. Southwest Key changed his life for the better.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Rosco Overton, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs. Requests that the City support the initiatives of the African American Quality of Life and Hispanic Quality of Life. Requests allocating \$180,000 for job opportunities.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Stuart Hersh, Consultant	Recommends amendments to the Action Plan: 1) The Willows and Sweeney Circle projects have fiscal year 2009-10 funding; 2) HOME, CDBG, General Obligation (GO) Bond Funds, Housing Trust Fund (HTF) be limited to the Anderson Community Development Corporation (ACDC), Juniper Olive Phase III and the East 11th and 12th Street; 3) HOME, CDBG, GO Bond Funds, and HTF be available for permanent supportive housing, rental housing, developer assistance, home ownership and GO Repair! program ; 4) repaid S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ fee waivers be designated for GO Repair! program in fiscal year 2010-11; and 5) all permanent supportive rental opportunities created after March 2010 be included in the Council priority of 350 permanent supportive housing units.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Jo Kathryn Quinn, Caritas of Austin	Implement effective permanent supportive housing. NHCD continue to support the permanent supportive housing initiative and it be reserved for the chronically homeless.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.

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Isabelle Headrick, Blackland Community Development Corporation (BCDC), CHDO Roundtable	The moratorium of applications for affordable housing has been difficult for CHDOs. Recommends: NHCD begin processing applications immediately received prior to moratorium; prioritize fiscal year 2009-10 funding for the Green Doors project, Easter Seals, the Ivy, Mary Lee project; end moratorium by issuing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); identify the fiscal year 2009-10 funds for projects.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Mike McHone, University Area Partners	HUD is not involved in the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) process. Recommends that there be a hearing and a full participation in Fall 2010 with student input.	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and the City's Planning and Development Review Department (PDR) will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Rosie Williams, Community Member	Concerned about the proposed development along East 11th and 12th Streets are affecting many residents in East Austin that are on fixed incomes. Homestead exemption and increasing taxes are affecting the residents. Provide the citizens more time to speak with Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) and Urban Renewal Agency (URA) so that they may consider these concerns.	The City of Austin, ARA, and the URA hosted a Town Hall Meeting on May 26, 2010 providing an opportunity for community dialogue on the redevelopment of East 11th and 12th Streets. The revitalization efforts uses a combination of federal, local and private resources to improve the quality of life for the community.
Toni McGee, Community Member	Many developers do not respect the culture and quality of life in East Austin. City-owned land in East Austin should be converted into affordable housing to serve low-income individuals. The Tri-Party Agreement between the City of Austin, ARA, and URA should continue.	The City of Austin, ARA, and the URA hosted a Town Hall Meeting on May 26, 2010 providing an opportunity for community dialogue on the redevelopment of East 11th and 12th Streets. The revitalization efforts uses a combination of federal, local and private resources to improve the quality of life for the community. The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing and commercial revitalization in Austin.
Sharlene Harns, Community Member	Requests the City of Austin consider the national make-up of the city. Consider the black and hispanic communities when developing in East Austin, as they are the catalyst to the community.	The City is committed to ensuring the revitalization efforts using a combination of federal, local and private resources improve the quality of life for the community.
Charles Cloutman, Meals on Wheels and More	Requests the funding for home repair be increased to \$3 million for fiscal year 2010-11. Consider deobligating money for projects that are not ready.	Housing repair programs will continue to be funded in fiscal year 2010-11 through Renter Assistance and Homeowner Assistance programs.
Jerry Houchins, Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable	Thanked City staff for the FY 2010-11 Draft Action Plan. Reentry Roundtable pledges to remain a community partner to the City in creating 350 permanent supportive housing units. Out of the 350 units, 225 units are designated to serve chronically homeless reentry population.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.

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Francie Ferguson, Housing Works Austin	Urged Council to open up funding immediately for pre-moratorium projects; recommend funding for homeownership, rental, permanent supportive housing, and the GO Repair program; all projects should go through the existing projects. Recommends: S.M.A.R.T. fees should be included in the Housing Trust Fund. Complete the carry-forward for fiscal year 2010-11. Define permanent supportive housing and partner with ECHO.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Tane Ward, Community Member	Gentrification in East Austin affects the hispanic and African American community. The City needs to analyze the development in East Austin as the direction the development is assisting higher income and displacing lower income families.	The City is committed to ensuring the revitalization efforts using a combination of federal, local and private resources improve the quality of life for the community.
Tom Spencer, Austin Area Interreligious Ministries	Recommended: 1) Momentum - Housing Repair Coalition is ready to assist clients ;2) Priorities - prioritize the remaining GO Bond funds; and 3) Enlarging the Pie - Austin Interreligious Ministries (AIM) is an advocate in the community and supports affordable housing; the City should partner with AIM to enlarge the pie.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Alan Robinson, College Houses Cooperative	Urges the City to include student feedback in Fall 2010 to discuss UNO.	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and the City's Planning and Development Review Department (PDR) will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Stephanie Thomas, ADAPT of Texas	Believes accessibility and disability is not a priority in the Action Plan.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund the Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) program. The program remains a priority for the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

37-Day Public Comment Period
Written Comments on Draft Action Plan
June 11 - July 12, 2010

The following represents a summary of the written comments received 30-day public comment period.

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Tracy Witte, Community Member	Requested: 1) The breakdown on the debt service for East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization (p 2-8) and when all loans covered by this specific debt service are scheduled to mature; 2) Where, specifically, is the proposed parking lot for 12th & Chicon to be located; and 3) Requests a copy of the legal settlement that requires the City of Austin to build at least 24 rental units for Anderson Community Development Corporation (ACDC).	NHCD provided public information to the requester.
Malisa DiGiacomo, Community Member	Requested: 1) Funding and Resources Chapter (page 30) has a typo - SafePlace's project is titled "Supportive Housing Program", not Garden Terrace; 2) Encourages NHCD to ensure people-first language is used consistently throughout the Action Plan; and 3) SafePlace reduced its Continuum of Care (CoC) funding request - ensure the CoC section and Ending Community Homeless Coalition (ECHO) section are updated.	Requested edits will be researched and considered in the finalization of the Draft Action Plan.
Haylie Shearer, Gracy Title	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation's (GNDC) 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Rick Valdez, Corsair USA, LLC	Supports affordable housing in East Austin, specifically the Guadalupe-Saldana Affordable Homes Project. Affordable housing should contribute to the Austin Independent School District (AISD) tax base to attract additional investment in the community.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Josephine Rocha, Community Member	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Annette Perrone, Community Member	Supports affordable housing in East Austin, specifically the Guadalupe-Saldana Affordable Homes Project. Affordable housing should contribute to the Austin Independent School District (AISD) tax base to attract additional investment in the community.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Rich Crowley, Central Texas Region	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Mario Rocha, Saldana Homes, LLC	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Marie Rocha, Saldana Homes, LLC	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to: GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin; GNCA's alley flat projects, and the affordable housing component for the City's Health and Human Services Department's (HHSD) Betty Dunkerley campus.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.

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Brandon Brasher, Bradco Supply	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Felicia Garcia, Community Member	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Tracy Haddok, Gracy Title	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Jonathan Rocha, Community Member	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Denise Moody, Gracy Title	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Drew Schad, Community Member	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Tony Salvaggio, Kent Moore Cabinets, LTD	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Jackie Rocha, Community Member	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Dennis Guthrie, Community Member	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Greg Garner, OmniBank N.A.	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Martha and Norberta Martinez, Community Members	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Christopher Quinones, Austin RNC Sales & Design	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Stan Johnson, Stan's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.	Supports FY 2010-11 funding be allotted to GNDC's 11-acre "shovel-ready" project in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Lonnie Monteal, Montreal Realty, LLC	Supports GNDC's project and believes it will be an asset to East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing in Austin.
Eric Shropshire, East 12th Street Business and Property Owners Association	Requested CDBG funds be appropriated to the proposed 12th Street Townhome project. Allocate funds to provide assistance and incentive packages to local property owners within the East 12th Street Corridor. Revisit the 12th and Chicon community parking and bike lanes along East 12th as they have adversely impacted businesses along the Corridor. The City be committed to streamlining processes and roles of affiliate organizations that will lead to tangible projects along East 12th Street.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing and commercial revitalization in Austin.

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Marilyn Hartman, Community Member	Supports permanent supportive housing as it positively affects persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Urges the initiative incorporate on-site support services and recommends consulting with the Mary Lee Foundations, who provides support services.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.
Bill Brice, Security and Maintenance Program Director Downtown Austin Alliance	Proposed FY 2010-11 housing projects are not serving the most destitute residents in Austin.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.
Rainer Andrews, Community Member	Requested the FY 2010-11 Draft Action Plan be revised to state Springdale Gardens Apartments which Summit Housing Partners is the developer (page 2-22) is "shovel ready in 2010."	Requested edits will be researched and considered in the finalization of the Draft Action Plan.
Cathy Hammonds, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Program's job development efforts.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Dean-na Maldonado, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Program's job development efforts.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Lee Siegmund, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Program's job development efforts.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Maria Carter, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Rick Ramirez, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Maria Daoutidis, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Diana Gonzales, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Refugia Gomez, Community Member	Supports continuing funding to Southwest Key as it is vital to the youth and community.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Paulette Chambers, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Program's job development efforts.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Don Klein, Community Member	Supports allocating grant monies to Southwest Key Programs for job creation.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Awilda Maldonado, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Martha Coreta, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.

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Mary Bolden-Washington, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Kristie Hagat, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Alex Fuentes, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Beatrice Hudson, Community Member	Supports allocating grant monies to Southwest Key Programs for job creation.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
John Turner, Community Member	Supports allocating grant monies to Southwest Key Programs for job creation.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Joeanna Areola, Community Member	Supporting Southwest Key Program's Go Green Project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Dallia Nguyen, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Jacquel Owens, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Megan Hartman-Carvajal, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Claudia Cortes, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Marjorie Hoffman, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Janie Dunlap, Community Member	City should provide Southwest Key Programs support in their efforts to provide green jobs.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Marjorie Saul, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
L. South, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Jennifer Nelson, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Michael Brooks, Community Member	Supports allocating \$180,000 of funding to Southwest Key Programs for job creation in East Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Mayra Juarez, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Jbahney, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs move to green more jobs and job training.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.

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Tomas Sanchez, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Tracy Ekstrand, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Don Klein, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Cheri Durbin, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Helen Varry, Front Steps	Encourages the Austin City Council to ensure that the permanent supportive housing funding go towards the most vulnerable community (homeless population including those with criminal histories and those with co-occurring disorders of mental illness and substance abuse).	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.
Manissa Reyes, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs efforts to provide employment and job training through the Social Enterprises project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Geraldine Nagy, Travis County Probation Department	Recommends permanent supportive housing for individuals on probation.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.