

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING REVISIONS
TO THE RAINEY STREET SUBDISTRICT REGULATIONS
ADOPTED BY HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION AUGUST 27, 2012**

WHEREAS Rainey Street from River Street to Driskill Street was listed as a National Register Historic District in September 1985 due to its historical significance and architectural integrity, and was rezoned by City Council in 2004 from SF-3 to Central Business District zoning; and

WHEREAS Central Business District zoning allows for high-rise, dense redevelopment of properties in the District that may lead property owners to seek removal of historically significant buildings in the District; and

WHEREAS relocation of the historically significant buildings and their adaptive reuse is preferred over demolition as it allows for continued productive use of these resources, meets sustainability goals, reduces the amount of building materials being sent to the landfill, and allows the buildings to serve as compatible in-fill in other neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS the existing Rainey Street Subdistrict Regulations provide incentives for relocation of historically significant structures within the Subdistrict, the entire area of which has Central Business District Zoning; and

WHEREAS expanding the Subdistrict incentives to encourage relocation outside of the Subdistrict increases the chances redevelop projects will pursue relocating historically significant buildings to appropriate locations; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Historic Landmark Commission requests that the Planning Commission initiate the following code revisions to Section 25-2-739 RAINEY STREET SUBDISTRICT REGULATIONS:

(j) The development qualifies for five points for each historically significant building structure that is preserved on-site or relocated to a site within the Rainey Street subdistrict or that is relocated to a location within City Limits determined appropriate by the Historic Landmark Commission, up to a maximum of 25 points. A building structure is historically significant if the City's historic preservation officer determines that the building structure contributeds to the historic character of the Rainey Street National Historic Register District as of May 1, 2012.