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ACTION PLAN 6/20/13

My name is Stuart Harry Hersh, and like most in Austin, I rent.

I am here to support the staff recommendation for the Action Plan, for they have once again done a masterful job of balancing community priorities in an era of decreasing federal investment.

For the second time this century and the second year in a row, we are not allowed to plan for strategic use of local funds as part of the Action Plan process.

So I am asking you to consider beginning with next week's Council agenda the following questions and my proposed answers:

- 1. Can we change the Downtown Density Bonus program so that we can increase density and private investment and generate revenue for housing affordability either Downtown or in the neighborhoods adjacent to Downtown? Si se puede, yes we can.**
- 2. Can we change the Planned Unit Development ordinance in the coming months so that we achieve superior development and additional revenue for housing affordability? Si se puede, yes we can**
- 3. Can we re-establish a code enforcement budget goal of 90% of cited properties are in compliance within 90 days or subject to orders and penalties from the Building and Standards commission? Si se puede, yes we can**
- 4. Can we re-establish goals for timely processing of S.M.A.R.T. Housing zoning, subdivision, site plan, and building permit reviews and inspections while maintaining acceptable review and inspection standards for market-rate development? Si se puede, yes we can**
- 5. And if we do all of this, can we ask voters for less bond money in an election that may occur one year after most who voted said no to housing affordability bonds but yes to a women and children's shelter and all other proposed bond items? Si se puede, yes we can**

As always, I am solely responsible for the content of this message.

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