

Feedback for the City of Austin Office of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Concerning the Austin Strategic Housing Plan

WHEREAS the City of Austin office of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development ("NHCD") released a draft Austin Strategic Plan on June 6, 2016;

WHEREAS the NHCD has requested comments from the Austin community regarding the draft plan;

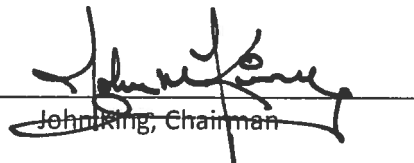
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Austin Economic Prosperity Commission recommends the NHCD do the following:

1. Incentivize construction of missing middle housing to increase supply in housing stock which is already in high demand.
2. Adjusting lot size minimum and maximums to open the market for the construction of missing middle housing, including small to medium sized homes.
3. Support creative solutions suited to our market needs which mitigate the high cost of land; including housing cooperatives, community land trusts, limited equity models, and micro-units.
4. Support creative financing solutions such as social impact bonds or Pay For Success models.
5. Working with design professionals to develop a catalog of pre-approved, missing middle product types that can receive expedited approval. Further, challenge design professionals and the city to adopt basic uniform specs so that citizens can design and submit their own projects - which would be added to the catalog - and also receive expedited approval.
6. Add flexibility to occupancy limits.

ADOPTED 8/17/16

VOTE: FOR - 9 AGAINST - 0 ABSTAINED - 0 ABSENT - 1 (Segura)

Attested by: _____


John King, Chairman