

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	65666	Agenda Number	7.
Meeting Date:	12/8/2016	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development	
Subject				
Approve a resolution supporting a proposal by Foundation Communities, Inc. for the development of affordable housing on surplus property owned by the Austin Independent School District and currently known as the Allan Center, located at 4900 Gonzalez Street. (District 3).				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	October 13, 2016 – Resolution No. 20161013-005 was approved directing the City Manager to explore the economic and legal feasibility of a joint affordable housing project that could include the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District. November 3, 2016 – Resolution No. 20161103-045 was approved directing the City Manager to work with public entities, such as the Austin Independent School District, to identify opportunities for creating affordable housing.			
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

If approved, this resolution will be submitted by Foundation Communities, Inc. along with its proposal to the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for one of ten parcels AISD has identified as surplus property. AISD has issued a Public Notice of Sale, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, and is accepting proposals, offers, and bids on the ten parcels. Foundation Communities will be submitting a proposal to develop affordable housing at the AISD Allan Center. (District 3).

AISD has imposed special considerations on this particular property that must be addressed in any proposal submitted. They are:

1. To include community input being of prime importance at that facility, both of the partners who are currently housed there and also the community surrounding the Allan Center;
2. The assurance that no present services would be discontinued, in light of how the community has had a desire for these programs;
3. The assurance that there would be no interruption of services, since they rely on the use of that space for the services that they provide to our community and to our district; and
4. The honoring of the history of Allan Junior High, Allan Elementary, and now the hub of early education and

other non-profit activity occurring there.

If Foundation Communities' proposal is selected, it is anticipated that Foundation Communities would apply to the Austin Housing Finance Corporation for a portion of the development funding.