

RESOLUTION NO. 20161208-006

WHEREAS, Austin Independent School District (“AISD”) has identified ten parcels of land deemed surplus; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2016, the AISD Board of Trustees authorized disposition of the surplus real property; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2016, AISD issued a Public Notice of Sale, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, inviting bids and requesting offers and proposals for each of the ten surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20161013-005 directed the City Manager to explore the economic and legal feasibility of a joint affordable housing project that could include the City of Austin and AISD; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20161103-045 directed the City Manager to work with the AISD to identify opportunities for creating affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Housing Conference the annual income needed to purchase a home in Austin is \$75,966 while the average income of an AISD school teacher is under \$55,000; and

WHEREAS, 38% (nearly 157,000 households) of Travis County Households are cost-burdened (higher than state and nation); and

WHEREAS, 18% were severely cost-burdened, spending equal to or more than 50% of household’s monthly income on housing; and

WHEREAS, Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development ("NHCD") Department's recent housing plan calls for the need of 75,000 new homes in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Austin Habitat for Humanity ("Habitat") has been building for-sale, affordable homes in the Austin area for over 30 years and serves households making 30-60% of the Median Family Income; and

WHEREAS, NHCD and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation ("AHFC") have worked with Habitat on numerous affordable housing projects for over 20 years, including most recently the Meadow Lake Subdivision and the Lee Meadows Subdivision in addition to the proposed Saltillo Condos and the proposed Scenic Point Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Habitat has submitted a proposal to AISD in response to the Public Notice of Sale, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property for development of affordable/workforce housing on the surplus vacant land directly adjacent to the AISD Service Center at 5101 East 51st Street; and

WHEREAS, Habitat will work with NHCD/AHFC to seek funding support to acquire and develop the vacant surplus property; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

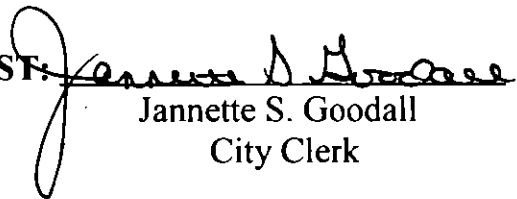
The City of Austin, acting through its governing body, the Austin City Council, hereby confirms that it strongly supports the proposed development as the need for affordable housing has never been greater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

For and on behalf of the City Council, Jannette S. Goodall, City Clerk, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to certify this resolution to AISD.

ADOPTED: December 8, 2016

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk