



BOARD/COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Joint Sustainability Committee

Recommendation Number: (20170322-03D)

Affordable Housing and Brownfield Redevelopment

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has the responsibility to revitalize derelict contaminated sites, protect human health and the environment, and to promote sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has the duty to exercise environmental leadership when it comes to the new construction and retrofitting of city sponsored or permitted affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Brownfields Revitalization Office has been in existence since 1998 and furnishes no cost environmental assessments as well as clean up assistance; and

WHEREAS, Brownfield redevelopment is essentially the marriage of environmental cleanup and community/economic development; and

WHEREAS, ample opportunity exists for the City of Austin to maximize sustainable development under HUD's Brownfields Economic Development Initiative;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Sustainability Committee recommends that the Austin City Council:

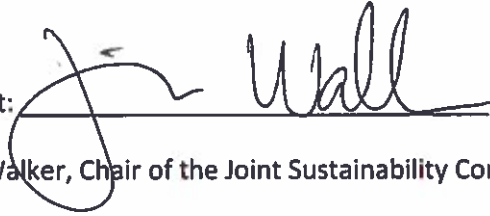
- Require an Environmental Site Assessment for all city funded or permitted affordable housing development, without exception, or for projects for which the City Council passes a resolution of no objection.
- Expeditiously publish, in print and on the internet, publicly available maps of all brownfield sites located within the city limits and the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). These maps shall be updated annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Sustainability Committee establishes a Brownfield Revitalization working group dedicated to making policy recommendations.

Date of Approval: March 22, 2017

Record of the vote: Approved unanimously on a 9-0 vote, with Committee Members Davis, Donovan, Frankel, Neely, and Savage absent.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Walker", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jim Walker, Chair of the Joint Sustainability Committee