



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20170613-06

Date: June, 16, 2017

Subject: Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism Recommendation

Motioned By: Commissioner Singer

Seconded By: Commissioner A. Villalobos

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism issued its final report on March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the task force's real estate & housing work group issued important recommendations about the funding of affordable housing, fair housing enforcement, rental housing, "right to stay" policies, community empowerment, ensuring affordability in high opportunity areas, and city accountability that were later adopted by the entire task force; and

WHEREAS, the task force's health working group issued recommendations about cross cutting, city government equity initiatives, targeted education & information, geographic and neighborhood inequities, data transparency & accountability and specific healthcare initiatives; and

WHEREAS, gentrification has resulted in large-scale displacement of Austinites of color, particularly in East Austin, which the Austin Human Rights Commission has found to be a human rights violation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Community Development Commission is to advise the city council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with an emphasis on federally funded programs; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Development Commission recommends that the Austin City Council:

-accept and embrace all of the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism, particularly the recommendations of the task forces on real estate & housing as well as public health.

-prioritize the following recommendations of the task force:

1. A moratorium on all rezoning cases and demolition permits for single family and multi-family homes within East Austin Homestead Preservation Districts and the African-American Cultural Heritage District.
2. Enactment of a temporary moratorium on rezoning and demolition of any structure deemed to either be individually eligible or contributing to the historic nature of the East Austin area covered in the City of Austin Historic Resources Survey of 2015.
3. Review and approval of every new city code, ordinance, plan or policy by the Chief Equity Officer for identification of any potential negative consequences for people of color, as well as potential for improvement to proactively make reparations for those negatively impacted by current and prior codes, ordinances, plans, or policies. The review and approval must include analysis of CodeNEXT.

Date of Approval: June 13, 2017

Vote: A motion to approve the recommendation was approved on Commissioner Singer's motion, Commissioner A. Villalobos' second, on a 10-3-0 vote.

For: Chair Rivera and Commissioners McGhee, R. Villalobos, Tolliver, Zamora, Delgado, A. Villalobos, Dailey, Taylor, and Singer.

Against: Vice Chair Deshotel. Commissioners Paup and Hinely.

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Fadelu

Attest: Gilbert Rivera, CDC Chair


