

RESOLUTION NO. 20180510-050

WHEREAS, source of income discrimination is discrimination against tenants based on their participation in a housing voucher program that provides rental assistance;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's density bonus programs prohibit source of source of income discrimination in rent-restricted units;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2014, the City of Austin passed an ordinance amending its fair housing ordinance to prohibit source of income discrimination throughout Austin, which has since been preempted by state legislation;

WHEREAS, as of January 5, 2018, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) provides 5,637 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers;

WHEREAS, of HACA's voucher program participants, 56% are Black/African American, 33% are Hispanic or Latino, 25% are people with disabilities, and 44.6% are children below the age of 18;

WHEREAS, the average HACA Voucher Program participant lives in a census tract that is 50% Hispanic and 14% Black, and 23% of participants live in census tracts of high poverty;

WHEREAS, good cause eviction protections provide needed housing stability for Austin renters;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is required to affirmatively further fair housing; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

The City Council initiates code amendments and amendments to uncodified ordinances (1) to prohibit source of income discrimination in all units; and (2) to require good cause eviction protections in rent-restricted units or in all units in properties that participate in City density bonus or other similar incentive programs.

The City Manager is directed to present the amendments for Council consideration within 90 days from the adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED: May 10, 2018

ATTEST:

Erin Brady for

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City Clerk